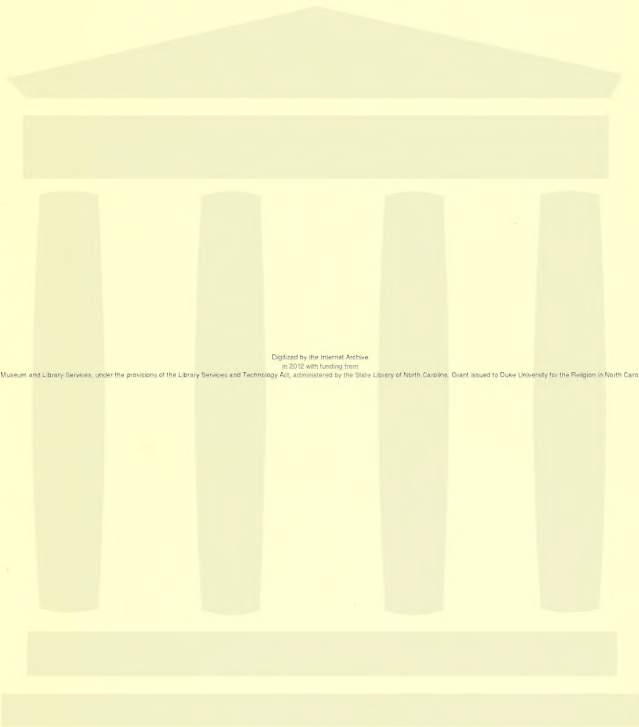




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Baptists, Ga. Bethel association

MINUTES,
OF THE
SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BETHEL ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Herod Baptist Church, Terrell County, Ga., October
29th, 30th, and 31st, 1895.

OFFICERS:

REV. E. Z. F. GOLDEN	MODERATOR.
REV. W. M. HOWELL.	CLERK.
BRO. J. B. HOBBS.....	TREASURER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

BRO. T. MOODY, BRO. B. W. ELLIS, BRO. N. T. SPIVEY.

Next Session meets with Arlington Church, Calhoun
County, Ga., on Tuesday, after the Fourth
Sunday in October, 1896.

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MINUTES.

HEROD CHURCH, TERRELL Co. GA., Oct. 29, 1895.

THE BETHEL ASSOCIATION met this day at the above named church, at the hour of 10 a. m., and spent one hour in a prayer and song service, after which the Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. E. Z. F. Golden, from II Cor. viii: 9.

The congregation was then dismissed until 2, p. m.

FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the appointed hour the people assembled in the new church building and, after a song and prayer, Bro. W. P. McArthur, the former Moderator, conducting the services.

1. The roll of Messengers from the churches was formed preparatory to permanent organization.

2. Bro. W. P. McArthur having moved out of the bounds of this Association, Bro. E. Z. F. Golden, pastor of Cuthbert church, was elected Moderator, and W. M. Howell, clerk, Bro. T. M. Callaway, of Dawson, and Bro. W. H. Norton, of Ft. Valley, counting the ballots.

3. Omitting the reading of the letters from the churches, the Order of Business printed in the Minutes of last year was adopted.

4. The call was made for applicants for membership in this body, but none responded.

5. The hours fixed for meeting and adjourning were as follows: Meet at 8:30, a. m., and 1:30, p. m.; adjourn at 10:50, a. m., and at will, p. m.

6. COMMITTEES FOR THE PRESENT SESSION.—(1) On Preaching: J. B. Payne, D. W. Hammock, and the pastor and messengers from Herod church. (2) On Finance: J. M. Taylor, W. J. Jordan and T. F. Cordray. (3) Auditor: Dr. F. M. Bledsoe. (4) Digest of Letters: A. C. Wellons, H. L. Crumbly and D. R. Stewart. (5) Nominations: J. W. Stanford, C. E. Morse and C. M. Poindexter.

7. Correspondents from the following Associations were welcomed to seats in this body: The Friendship—M. B. L. Binion, W. P. McArthur, H. R. McLendon, T. M. Callaway, W. L. Cutts and R. A. Morgan. The Bowen—R. C. Poole. The Summer Hill—T. N. Coleman. The Houston—G. T. Jennings. The Tucker—J. L. Underwood. The Eufaula—W. N. Reeves.

8. Agents of Denominational Enterprises: J. F. Edens, representing the Christian Index; Harvey Hatcher, representing the A. B. Publication Society. The body adjourned.

SECOND DAY.—FORENOON SESSION.

The Association met according to agreement and opened with devotional services.

9. The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

10. The call for correspondents, agents and visitors was renewed, when Bro. J. G. Gibson, corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board, reported in that capacity and also as agent for Mercer University.

11. The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Auditor.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

12. The Report of Missions was read by Bro. R. B. Taylor, who requested Bro. J. G. Gibson to address the body on the subject of Missions in connection with the report. He did so with his usual energy and power. The report reads as follows:

"From the Bible standpoint it seems that no man can be born of the spirit of God and not be a missionary, nor be unwilling to cheerfully support missions. The very fact that man is made a changed being, and is rescued from an endless hell and is made an heir of God, ought to make him identified with, and be a ready and willing helper in all that concerns God's cause and glory in the earth.

But when Jesus, who bought the sinner with his own heart's blood, commands him to give and tells him, 'if ye love me, ye will keep my words,' then he who refuses to give is in one or the other of these conditions: either he has not been taught his duty, or he is still in nature's darkness. If a member of the church has not been enlightened on the great duty of missions, the fault lies greatly at the preacher's door; but if he has been taught and persistently refuses to give, then the churches have no alternative but to exclude him, for the Scriptures tell us to withdraw from the covetous. It is no credit to the churches, nor does it glorify God, to have members and not actors. 'Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only,' say the scriptures. All the glory of 32,000 soldiers vanishes in the air when it is known that only 300 men are ready for the battle. God is not dependent on numbers for the accomplishment of his purposes, but our progress and happiness and peace depend upon our obedience, and obedience will send the gospel.

To remedy the evil as far as lieth in our power we would suggest and recommend that the pastors, by personal effort or through a responsible committee, seek to enlist every member in the churches and secure a mission contribution from them; and we would also recommend that a collection be taken for missions at every monthly meeting. Duty to God and the cause and the heathen urge and demand it.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. TAYLOR, }
A. G. POWELL, } COM.
T. MOODY, }

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF BETHEL MALE COLLEGE.

13. The Board of Trustees of BETHEL MALE COLLEGE made the following gratifying report:

CUTHBERT, GA., Oct. 28th, 1895.

The Board of Trustees of BETHEL COLLEGE, to the Brethren of BETH-EL ASSOCIATION, Greeting:

Your Board beg leave to make the following report:

Since your last meeting there have been no changes in your board except that we have elected Bro. Terrell Moody a member of the board to fill the unexpired term of Bro. John D. Gunn, resigned.

The College is now in active and successful operation under the direction of President, J. Furman Evans, of Anderson, South Carolina. President Evans came to us recommended as a graduate of one of the best colleges in the South, a high toned christian gentleman, a member of the Baptist church, and during his stay with us, he has given

abundant evidence of the truthfulness of the above facts, and of his fitness for the position he occupies.

He is assisted as Professor by Rev. J. L. Underwood, of Camilla, whom we all know well, and are profoundly proud to have connected with our College.

The Primary Department is presided over by Miss Dona Underwood, the amiable daughter of the above named brother, and is giving eminent satisfaction in her department.

The College property is in fair repair and condition.

Affectionately submitted.

E. Z. F. GOLDEN, Chairman.

B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

ON EDUCATION: c

14. The Report on Education was read, and pending the motion to adopt, many good things were said, relative to the necessity and opportunities for higher and better education, by brethren E. Z. F. Golden, J. L. Underwood and W. N. Reeves.

Before the end of the consideration of this report, the time for preaching service arrived and the body adjourned.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m., the body returned to the house and, after devotional service, resumed business. Before returning to the unfinished Report, the Roll of Messengers was called and further completed.

The Educational Report was then taken up and without further discussion was adopted as follows:

In attempting a report on education, your committee is aware that only the most prominent points can be briefly dwelt upon. Few subjects, if any, deserve and are receiving more earnest and effective consideration, from both philanthropist and christian, than is given to the training of the children of the present generation. Yet it is impossible to escape the painful consciousness that too many are shamefully and disastrously inattentive to all that is said and done in this worthy cause. Whether baneful stupidity, criminal avarice, inexcusable neglect, or galling poverty directs the course of the great majority to shut up their offspring to a life of ignorance, is not ours to determine. Be the operating causes what they may, we cannot overlook the sad fact. Every parent, every person acting for parents, and every one desiring the happiness of the present and approaching generations, or seeking the glory of God, will find in these statistics absorbing interest, should they give them intelligent consideration: The last census gives the entire population of Georgia at 1,897,353. The school population in 1893 was 604,971. Of these there were 315,040 white children, 254,940 of whom were enrolled in 5,047 schools with 5,898 teachers. The average attendance was 243,378. Of this vast army of children, only 44 per cent remains in school for the short term of 100 days in the year. Of the 315,040 white children, 60,100 were not in school during the year, 36,638 between the ages of 10 and 18 years could neither read nor write. These are appalling statements that call loudly for prompt and persevering attention. Into the 101 colleges and universities were admitted, during 1893, 2,694 pupils. The smallness of this number indicating the comparative lack of attention—to higher education should also be matter of deep concern. It

is true that education in its fundamental meaning is independent of books, schools, colleges, seminaries and universities. These are little more than the selected means to accomplish a desired end—the approved tools, and the mental work-shop in which trained masters shape the youth for usefulness. It is impossible to conceive of a highly educated person who would be a stranger to places of learning, and unacquainted with books. The great school of Nature shuts her doors against no man and affords to all extensive means for “leading out” and developing whatever capacities may be possessed. As the great Alma Mater of the ages, she can point with pride to hosts of sons and daughters whom their own generations have crowned with chaplets of glory. Here the first principles are simple, the grades well chosen, and the sources of information inexhaustible. Hence he whose powers are undeveloped, and whose mind is void of useful knowledge, is to be pitied as a weakling, or censured as a sloth. But God, in his good providence for the greater happiness of man, and for his own glory through revelation has enabled the worthy students in this great common school to formulate and preserve through written language the best results of their laborious researches. Step by step advancement has been made, not only by increasing knowledge as a final possession, but, which is vastly more important, by directing the instruction of the young in such manner as to enable them to become educated with greater rapidity and ease than is possible without special training. To such extent have civilized people become concerned with this very reasonable EFFORT at training as to render the work of schools, by means of books, and other appliances, the synonym of education. While this is true, it is important that this meaning should be received with caution. A proper conception of the subject discourages no youth, however unfortunate in his surroundings, makes the parent the first teacher, and offers to the capable and ambitious, prospects the most thrilling and inviting.

It is with pleasure that we note the growing tendency of our more prosperous communities to extend the Public school term to ten months. Children have but one period of school training, say until the age of 21 years has been reached. They then pass from children to womanhood and manhood. By this time the parent has done what, in most cases, is allowed the privilege of doing. Remembering this, the parent should, as far as possible, employ these youthful years in giving their children as much thorough training as their means will afford. Whatever may be said about the public school system, it is here to stay. A community is no poorer on this account, provided the work of the state is sufficiently supplemented to extend the term to 9 or 10 months each year, under competent teachers. Having the school, let the children attend. The school will do the children who stay at home no good.

But the state cannot with equity provide for education beyond that point which the common safety has been secured. The high school, the university, the college, under state patronage becomes class legislation and paternalism. While the christian and philanthropist should feel themselves called upon to guard with jealous care every step of any proposed plan of instruction, upon them the state should let fall the entire burden of what is generally called higher education. At this point begins our work as a denomination of christians, as a

gathering of churches by messengers for the purpose of united effort for the glory of God. In furthering this glorious enterprise, our fathers have committed to us rich legacies both in formulated and partially executed plans, and institutions of learning more or less fully equipped and endowed. From their sleeping dust, from their monuments more lasting than marble, from the memories of the past, comes an earnest appeal to us whom their patrimony has enriched, pleading that the work so nobly begun should not languish. Will we heed it?

To us, the first of these bequests is Bethel College. To this many noble brethren contributed liberally both of time and means. But the labors of Uncle Tommie Muse, so long the most prominent figure among you, have here found a most fitting expression of his interest in the children of the people whom he so much loved. May the day speedily come when we, to whom the unfinished work has been committed, may feel that abiding interest in this institution that the situation demands. If we will we can make it a means of accomplishing untold good.

One of the great sources of recognized denominational power and, consequently, of christian enterprise, is Mercer University. This institution is only a step further removed from us than our own Bethel. Indeed, it is so near as to have the strongest possible hold upon us in every way. With a healthy location, a good moral and religious atmosphere, a wise board of trustees, a high standard of instruction, and a faculty excelled by none in our State, it only remains for us to do our duty, to make Mercer University in fact, what she ought always to be—the pride of every Georgia Baptist. May we not urge upon individuals and the churches to prayerfully consider her interests and give her our patronage? In the schedule adopted by the convention at Waycross it is arranged that the collection for January be given to our University. Let us take a note of this very excellent arrangement, that when that month has passed, by earnest effort, we may be able to send up to the treasurer a liberal contribution both for regular expenses and permanent endowment.

The Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville, is doing all that could be required in the special work for which it was founded. A number of our best young preachers go from Georgia to that institution to obtain training in the study of God's word and in the preparation so much needed for the arduous work to which they have given themselves. They should have our prayers, encouragement and financial aid, when that is necessary. The Institution itself deserves our steady and liberal support. There are now in attendance 250 students, 19 of whom are from Georgia.

While attending to the educational wants of our boys and young men, we should not be unmindful of the necessities of the girls and young women. From some cause, it has transpired that Georgia Baptists as a body have not acted with the same unanimity, liberality and enterprise in looking after the higher education of the females as they have in providing for the males. We have no female college under the control of our State convention. We are provided with many good schools for women, in spite of adverse circumstances, and sometimes in the face of outright opposition. As belonging in one way or another to Baptists, deserving our patronage, may be mentioned

Dr. Nunnally's college at LaGrange, Shorter Female College at Rome, Monroe Female College at Forsyth, and the magnificent institution lately moved from LaGrange to Manchester, and under the direction of the Cox-Baker family. Should this college have the patronage it deserves, it will, no doubt, afford educational facilities for the young women of Georgia, nowhere else to be found.

The subject of co-education at Mercer University is again being agitated. We are led to expect a discussion of the subject at the next meeting of the G. B. Convention. In view of this, your committee would recommend that this Association as a constituent member of the convention do here and now enter our protest against the adoption of such a course so far as relates to the college department proper. Respectfully submitted.

E. Z. F. GOLDEN,
J. W. MARTIN,
W. D. HAMMOCK, } Com.

15. At this juncture Bro. R. H. Smith, agent for the Baptist Orphans' Home in Atlanta, came in and was recognized in his official capacity. The Order of Business was suspended to give Bro. Smith an opportunity to plead the cause of the Home. He did so, and took a collection to the amount of \$51 60 in cash, besides some subscriptions. Bro. Smith also represented the S. S. cause.

16. SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

This report was read by the chairman, Bro. J. S. Knowles, and pending the motion to adopt, brethren Knowles, Hatcher and Smith addressed the body upon the report and various topics touching Sunday schools. The following is the report:

Your committee feel that they cannot lay too much stress on the Sunday school work. It is of so much importance, that we know of no better way of helping parents to train their children.

Every church should be engaged in this work, and every community having no church, should have a Sunday school. And yet some of our churches do not report Sunday schools, and some churches report them for only a part of the year.

Pastors, deacons and churches should all wake up to their duties, and establish evergreen schools in all the churches. To effect this end great care should be taken in selecting superintendents and teachers, for much depends on having the right men in all such places, and they should apply themselves very closely to their work, so as to make the Sunday school instructive, especially to the children, for if we fail to train THEM somebody else will do it, and that in a wrong way. Brethren, let us all be more faithful, and do more towards keeping up the Sunday school interest. Let us all try to do more the next year than ever before. Let us pray that we may feel the responsibility more than ever before. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. KNOWLES,
J. W. STANFORD,
J. B. HOBBS, } Com.

17. REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

This report was read by the chairman of the committee and contains some points that should be thoughtfully considered. It reads as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to report that upon examination of

the letters, we find that the additions to the churches by baptism has not been as large as last year. This indicates a sad want of spiritual power and zeal in the prosecution of the glorious work of soul winning.

We observe, that there HAS been an increase in the contributions for missions. This may be due, however, to material, rather than spiritual prosperity. God in His providence has graciously smiled on us this year and our hearts should have been filled with such gratitude as would prompt us to give liberally into the treasury of the Lord.

We find that only ten churches report prayer meetings, and only fifteen Sabbath schools. This we hope is not a true statement of the churches, but is possibly due to neglect.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. WELLON,
H. L. CRUMBLEY, } Com.
D. R. STEWART,

18. REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The report on Nominations was read as follows:

Your committee are pleased to make the nominations following:

1. Brother John Martin to preach the Introductory Sermon; W. M. Howell, alternate.
2. The Mission Sermon: E. Z. F. Golden: alternate, H. L. Crumbley.
3. Messengers to the State Convention: E. Z. F. Golden, W. D. Hammock, R. B. Taylor, J. W. Stanford, J. W. Martin, F. M. Bledsoe, H. L. Crumbley, J. S. Knowles, A. C. Wellons, D. W. Hammock, D. R. Stewart, J. G. Corley, T. Moody and E. J. Palmer.
4. Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention—E. Z. F. Golden; W. D. Hammock, alternate.
5. Executive Committee: T. Moody, B. W. Ellis and N. T. Spivey.
6. Board of Trustees of Bethel College: E. Z. F. Golden, Chairman; F. M. Bledsoe, W. W. Binion, I. R. Bridges, W. S. Curry, J. G. Corley, B. W. Ellis, John W. Harris, J. S. Knowles, W. D. Hammock, J. C. Martin, I. B. Manry, J. E. Martin, J. H. Manry, J. W. Martin, T. Moody, J. T. Peak, J. W. Stanford, N. T. Spivey, R. B. Taylor, J. B. Watson, O. J. Hermann, R. D. Gay, A. C. Wellons, H. L. Crumbley, A. C. Moye, E. G. Sandlin, W. M. Howell and W. O. Crumbley.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STANFORD,
C. M. POINDEXTER, } Com.
C. E. MORSE,

THE AUDITOR'S REPORT,

Was read and adopted as follows;

Your Auditor begs leave to make the following report:

The report of the Treasurer has been examined, with entries and vouchers, and found correct.

The report of the Executive Committee has also been examined and found to be correct, except—Brethren J. W. Stanford, J. B. Payne and W. D. Hammock are suggested as a committee, to be approved by the Association, to collect funds by subscription to erect a monument over Bro. Muse's grave. All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. M. BLEDSOE, Auditor.

P. S.—The amount of the books taken from Bro. Muse's effects and delivered to Bro. J. I. D. Miller should have been reported.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the following report:

Since the last meeting of this body it hath pleased our heavenly Father to remove from his labors on earth to his home in heaven our aged Bro. Thomas Muse, which event occurred at his home with Bro. D. W. Hammock, in Coleman, Ga., April the 19th, 1895.

Bro. Muse was born in Middlesex county, Va., Jan. 6th, 1810. On Sept. 14th, 1832, he was baptized. Four years afterwards he moved to Blakely, Ga., where he was licensed to preach the gospel, May the 7th, 1837. He was ordained in December, 1840.

As a pastor and minister of the gospel Bro. Muse was faithful, winning many souls to Christ. He continued in the pastorate until a few years ago, when he gave up the pastorate and accepted the work of colporteur for this association, which work he continued to time of his death.

Bro. Muse spent the whole of his ministerial life in the Bethel Association, never having served a church outside of the Bethel. He was remarkably regular in his attendance with this body, having attended about fifty-seven out of fifty-nine sessions. He was for twenty-six consecutive years Moderator of this association, and to no one else does the Bethel owe so much as to Bro. Muse.

Therefore, your committee recommends that this association erect a suitable monument at his grave.

It is not the purpose of this committee to eulogize Bro. Muse, for his praise is in all the churches. He rests from his labors, and his work do follow him.

Your committee would not forget to kindly mention our beloved Bro. J. W. Anglin, Sr., whom the angels carried to the glory world on the 23rd day of Oct. 1895. Bro. Anglin was a deacon of the Baptist church at Hilton. He was a true friend to his God, his church, his pastor and his friends. He lived a long and useful life, and died praising God. Surely a good man has gone to rest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. CORLEY, { COM.
W. O. CRUMBLY }

Immediately after the adoption of the above report the following resolutions were passed:

The first by Bro. J. W. Martin.

Resolved, 1. That the pastors of the churches of Bethel Association be requested to take up a collection in the churches to aid in erecting a monument at the grave of Bro. Thos. Muse.

Resolved, 2. That the amount sent up for Colporteur, and also the surplus left over from last association now in the treasury be appropriated to the Muse monument fund.

In connection with the above the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is due and is hereby tendered to Bro. D. W. Hammock and his family for the noble part they did in so kindly and tenderly providing a home in the family for Bro. T. Muse during the last and most feeble period of his life.

21. Bro. J. B. Hobbs was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Bethel Association.

22. Correspondents to other bodies were appointed as follows:

To the Friendship Association, H. L. Crumbley and W. M. Howell. To the Malary Association, A. C. Wellons. To the Rehobeth Association, A. C. Wellons and W. D. Hammock. To the Eufaula Association, (Ala.) F. M. Bledsoe. To the Judson (Ala.) Association, W. O. Crumbley.

23. This body agreed to hold its next annual meeting with Arlington church, Calhoun county, Ga., on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1896, and to meet at 10 a. m., for prayer meeting service.

24. ANNUAL COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were announced to report at the next session of this body:

(1) Committee on Education, H. L. Crumbley, J. W. Martin and W. D. Hammock. (2) Committee on Obituaries, W. D. Hammock, J. W. Sullivan and J. T. Peak. (3) Committee on Sunday Schools, A. C. Wellons, A. H. Teel and I. L. Balkcom. (4) Committee on Missions, W. M. Howell, J. S. Knowles and J. W. Sauls. (5) Committee on Temperance, John Martin, J. E. Coram and G. R. Swann.

25. On motion a committee on Temperance was added to the list of annual committees.

26. A call for applicants for letters of dismission from this body was made, but no response was heard.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At the appointed hour the congregation assembled and the Association opened for business with devotional services, Bro. J. T. Peak leading in prayer.

27. The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

28. The call for applications for dismission from this body met no response.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

29. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved as follows;

J. B. HOBBS, TREASURER,

In account with BETHEL ASSOCIATION:

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Cash on hand,.....\$ 8 71.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

30. The Committee made the following summary report:

We, your committee beg leave to make the following report:

For Minutes	\$ 36 00
“ Associational purposes.....	30 50
“ State Missions.....	208 75
“ Home “.....	295 41
“ Foreign “.....	337 65
“ Muse Colportage Fund.....	7 50
“ Indigent Minister's Fund.....	48 85
“ Bethel College.....	2 50
“ Mercer University.....	43 00
“ Orphans' Home.....	44 83
“ Previously sent up.....	1,092 54
Public Collection for Orphan's Home.....	51 60
“ “ “ Missions.....	16 60
“ “ “ Rev. Chas Hepburn.....	7 50

Total for the Association Year.....\$2,222 96

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. TAYLOR,
W. J. JORDAN, } Com.
T. F. CORDRAY,

31. On motion the body ordered that the funds sent up for Minutes be used in paying for printing the Minutes and other expenses of the same, and that the amount sent as Associational fund be paid to the Clerk.

32. Brethren F. M. Bledsoe, I. L. Balkcom and R. B. Taylor, were appointed as a committee to investigate the J. T. Clarke cottage enterprise, disposal of the funds and report at the next session.

33. The following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED, That each church be requested to send to the Clerk the names of Messengers to the next Association, as soon as elected, so that he can have a perfected roll of the Messengers, ready for organizing the next Association immediately after the preaching of the associational sermon.

34. The following vote of thanks for hospitality, etc., was passed:

Whereas, This Association have been so nobly and hospitably entertained by the good people of Herod community;

RESOLVED, That this Association extend thanks to the people of Herod for their unbounded kindness to us during this meeting.

35. An appeal was made to the Association by Bro. H. L. Crumbley for aid to be extended to Bro. Chas. Hepburn, which resulted in a cash collection of \$7 50.

36. On motion it was resolved to erect a monument over the grave of the late Bro. Thos. Muse, and a subscription for means to carry out the resolution was started.

37. There was a motion made to give Bro. J. H. Corley the position of Colporteur, but recently made vacant by the death of Bro. Muse. The matter was referred to the Ex. Committee. Also the dependent condition of Bro. Hepburn was referred to the same committee.

38. The body ordered that the Regulation schedule be published in the Minutes.

39. On motion all the churches are requested to take a collection for the Muse Monument between this time and March next.

Thus closed a very delightful session of BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

E. Z. F. GOLDEN, Moderator.

W. M. HOWELL, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association, and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.
2. This association shall have no right to legislate for the churches, nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.
3. It will be only an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.
4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot or otherwise.
5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the association upon motion and second.
6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the association.
7. He shall see that brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject, or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.
8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall have no voice in determining questions, except in case of a tie.
9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it, when required, and shall print and distribute the minutes among the several churches belonging to the association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall, from time to time, appropriate to that purpose.
10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the association, give security to the chairman of the executive committee and his successors in office for the same, and pay these out as the association, through her executive committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the association for each fiscal year.
11. The association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the association upon motion and second, and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.
12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.
13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.
14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled as messengers are present.
15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.
16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.
17. This constitution and rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.
18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive committee, consisting of three members chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of this body, and to have general supervision over any

property or financial claims or interests of the association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual minutes the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter.

ART. 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from this holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

ART. 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any works of righteousness which we have done but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

ART. 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART. 8. We believe in "the perseverance of the saints;" that all those who are truly regenerated and born again will ultimately be saved in heaven; that a special providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons.

ART. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper.

ART. 11. We believe that Communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and have been legally baptized.

ART. 12. We believe in a general judgement and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. OFFICES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'm'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Membership.	Sundays of Meeting.
Arlington...	Calhoun...	A C Wellons...	G R Colley...	Arlington...	J M Mayo...	3	1	6	1	1	1	733	
Behebel...	Calhoun...	Dykes...	J C Camp...	Ft. Gaines...	John Dale and J E Coram...	2	2	8	4	4	2	423	
Benevolence.	Randolph...	M B L. Binion.	O A Harris...	Benevolence.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1081	
Benlah...	Early...	W O Crumblay	J L Kelley...	Cedar Sp'gs.	A Wellons, J Hobbs, C Morse A Powell	1	12	1	15	1	1	982	4
Blakely...	Early...	A C Wellons...	H C Buchanan	Blakely...	W P Killingworth, A Ingram, W Howell	...	1	1	1	1	1	831	
Bluffton...	Calhoun...	J L Underwood	A J Gasset...	Bluffton...	A Martin, D and W Hamrick, and others	...	...	...	...	...	...	831	
Coleman...	Randolph...	J L Underwood	J J Hammock...	Coleman...	Corley, Jordan, Cordray and others...	10	23	14	2	1	1	1364	
Colomboke...	Early...	J G Corley...	W E Hayes...	Blakely...	Golden, Crumblay, T Moody and others	14	8	1	6	2	1	149	1,234
Cuthbert...	Randolph...	E Z F Golden.	T F Moody...	Cuthbert...	Peak, Sharpley, Sullivan and A Lockett	11	6	7	7	2	3	1142	
Damasus...	Randolph...	Z T Weaver...	J T Peak...	Cuthbert...	James Wright, S Patrick, J D Hendry	4	4	14	14	5	1	761	
Dover...	Terrell...	J S Knowles...	W L Mathews.	Dawson...	Win Johnson, J E Swanson, T J Beard	10	2	2	5	1	2	1003	
Elim...	Calhoun...	W O Crumblay	J A Riley...	Morgan...	J M Oliver and I L. Balkcom...	1	2	2	14	2	2	1062	
Enon...	Quitman...	W H Norton...	I L. Balkcom.	Georgetown...	Lottin Smith...	...	4	2	2	1	1	404	
Enterprise...	Calhoun...	John Martin...	W B Brooks...	Ft. Gaines...	C W Lewis...	5	3	...	1	1	1	1441	3.
Ft. Gaines...	Calhoun...	H L Crumblay	C W Lewis...	Shelman...	C M Pindexter and J D Melton	2	16	2	2	...	...	853	
Friendship...	Randolph...	W D Hammock	W M Faircloth.	Georgetown	F M Bledsoe and T A Mashburn	4	12	...	4	1	...	583	
Georgetown.	Quitman...	J H Corley...	F M Bledsoe.	Herod...	H P Hass, W B Quail A Moore, C Brim	18	...	...	3	1	...	892	
Herod...	Terrell...	J G Corley...	C M Harris...	Blakely...	J T Jay...	5	6	...	1	3	2	602	
Hilton...	Early...	W O Crumblay	O E Hall...	Blakely...	J B George and C B George.	4	4	...	4	...	...	441	
Leary...	Calhoun...	R C Poole...	C B George...	Sasser...	W H Turner, R J Grier, J C Joiner...	1	5	1	12	...	3	542	
Lebanon...	Terrell...	John Martin...	R J Grier...	Georgetown.	W T Methvin and W E Gay, jr.	...	...	...	...	...	...	443	
Midway...	Calhoun...	J S Knowles...	T J Methvin.	Milford...	W B Morris...	...	...	...	...	...	...	352	
Milford...	Baker...	R C Poole...	B F Bailly...	Milford...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	904	
Morgan...	Calhoun...	J W Martin...	C B Weaver...	Morgan...	M A Hawk, J M Newton, C B Weaver,	1	3	...	8	1	1	942	
Mt. Gilad...	Calhoun...	J W Martin...	J B Weaver...	Ft. Gaines...	J J Johnson...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1641	
Mt. Hebron...	Calhoun...	W D Hammock	J B Watson...	Cuthbert...	Martin, J W Sauls, Swann and others.	15	4	...	7	1	2	624	
Mt. Vernon...	Calhoun...	W D Hammock	J B Wiles...	Bluffton...	E T Pearce and J T Lindsey...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1563	
New Bethel...	Randolph...	M B L. Binion.	S W Manry...	Bluffton...	W F Davis and W T Hammock...	3	5	1	9	...	2	1692	
New Hope...	Early...	J W Martin...	S L Houston	Bethel...	Jno Martin D Stewart, Curry & Taylor	17	3	9	3	...	...	1392	
Pine View...	Early...	J G Corley...	J G Scarbrough	Blakely...	T B Holley and B R Houston...	9	10	3	2	2	...	371	
Rehobeth...	Randolph...	J G Corley...	M E Tison...	Shelman...	H C Lay, J M Edwards, J E Lanier...	5	7	2	4	11	4	1504	
Salom...	Calhoun...	J S Knowles...	W A Marry...	Shelman...	W A Marry, A Bennett, W E Tanner.	...	...	...	...	...	...	6522	4.
Shellman...	Randolph...	R B Taylor...	J N Watts...	Shelman...	R B Taylor, J B Payne, W S Arlington.	1	7	...	3	1	1	834	
Shion...	Calhoun...	J H Corley...	L O Shivers...	Cotton Hill...	J O Griffith and Joseph Ray...	1	6	...	1	2	...	784	
Spring Vale...	Randolph...	W W Arnold...	E H Lee...	Spring Vale...	A H Teel, J N Massey, E H Lee...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1473	
Villula...	Randolph...	J W Martin...	B E Joiner...	Coleman...	W Ragan, B Joiner, J Dawson, Harris	9	3	...	13	3	...	1473	

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Union Grove Sunday School sent up \$2 75; Public Collection for R. H. Smith Agt. Orphans' Home \$51 60; Mission Collections during the Session \$16 60; Public Collection for Rev. Chas. Hepburn \$7 50, which added to sum sent by the Churches, makes the Grand Total \$2,222.96.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Minutes.		Associational Fund.		State Missions.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Muse Colportage Fund.		Indigent Ministers.		Bethel College.		Mercer University.		Orphans' Home.		Previously Sent.		Total.	
		\$	1 00	\$	1 00	\$	10 05	\$	20 00	\$	20 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00		
Arlington...	Calhoun...	\$	1 00	\$	1 00	\$	10 05	\$	20 00	\$	20 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	31 80	\$	83 85
Benevolence.	Randolph...	\$	1 50	\$	1 00	\$	11 35	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	10 00	\$	16 40	\$	95 25
Bethel.	Clay		50		50																				2 00
Beulah.	Early		50		50																				117 71
Blakely	Early		1 50		1 00		15 00		14 88		20 00		20 00		20 00		20 00		20 00		20 00		60 33		16 75
Bluffton	Clay		1 00		1 00		5 20		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		60 33		16 75
*Cuthbert.	Randolph...		1 00		1 00		7 00		7 00		6 00		6 00		6 00		6 00		6 00		6 00		520 19		572 72
Coleman	Randolph...		1 50		1 00		19 05		19 05		21 55		21 55		21 55		21 55		21 55		21 55		11 50		43 10
Colomokee.	Early		1 50		1 00		5 00		3 08		4 00		4 00		4 00		4 00		4 00		4 00		33 45		28 05
Damascus	Randolph...		75		1 25		5 00		3 08		4 00		4 00		4 00		4 00		4 00		4 00		33 45		61 00
Dover	Terrell		1 50		1 50		8 00		8 00		8 55		8 55		8 00		8 00		8 00		8 00		33 45		25 00
Elim	Calhoun		1 00		1 00		2 00		2 00		2 00		2 00		2 00		2 00		2 00		2 00		33 45		5 50
Enon	Quitman		1 00		1 00		7 85		7 80		7 85		7 85		7 85		7 85		7 85		7 85		33 45		25 00
Enterprise	Clay		1 50		1 00		10 00		15 00		16 00		16 00		16 00		16 00		16 00		16 00		18 66		62 16
Ft. Gaines	Clay		1 00		1 00		5 65		5 00		12 00		12 00		12 00		12 00		12 00		12 00		51 01		24 40
Friendship.	Randolph...		1 00		1 00		15 05		15 00		15 00		15 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		51 01		107 06
Georgetown.	Quitman		1 00		1 00		6 30		6 30		6 30		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		51 01		25 40
Herod	Terrell		75		75		4 25		3 75		3 05		3 05		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		51 01		25 40
Hilton.	Early		75		75		4 25		3 75		3 05		3 05		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		51 01		25 40
Leary.	Calhoun...		75		1 00		4 25		3 75		3 75		5 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		51 01		25 40
Lebanon.	Terrell		75		75		4 40		4 30		4 30		4 30		4 55		4 55		4 55		4 55		51 01		25 40
Midway	Clay		99		1 00		4 40		4 30		4 30		2 50		4 55		4 55		4 55		4 55		51 01		25 40
Milford.	Baker		99		1 00		4 40		4 30		4 30		2 50		4 55		4 55		4 55		4 55		51 01		25 40
Morgan.	Calhoun		1 00		1 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		6 25		21 00
Mt. Giliad	Clay		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		5 00		6 25		21 00
Mt. Hebron.	Randolph...		1 50		1 00		12 85		12 50		12 50		12 50		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		6 25		21 00
Mt. Vernon.	Clay		75		75		6 40		6 40		6 30		6 30		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		6 25		21 00
Mt. Zion.	Clay		1 00		1 00		7 50		7 50		8 00		8 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		6 25		21 00
New Bethel.	Randolph...		1 50		1 00		21 95		46 85		46 85		46 85		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		6 25		21 00
New Hope.	Early		1 25		1 00		2 00		2 00		4 00		4 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		6 25		21 00
Rehobeth	Randolph...		1 00		1 00		7 25		7 25		7 25		7 25		1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00		6 25		21 00
Salem	Calhoun		1 00		1 00		14 63		20 00		20 00		20 00		11 50		11 50		11 50		11 50		6 25		21 00
Shellman	Randolph...		1 00		1 00		2 45		5 00		5 00		5 00		9 00		9 00		9 00		9 00		6 25		21 00
Shiloh	Clay		99		1 00		5 00		5 00		15 00		15 00		9 00		9 00		9 00		9 00		6 25		21 00
Spring Vale.	Randolph...		99		1 00		5 80		5 00		5 00		5 00		9 00		9 00		9 00		9 00		6 25		21 00
Pine View.	Early		99		1 00		5 80		5 00		5 00		5 00		9 00		9 00		9 00		9 00		6 25		21 00
Villula.	Randolph...		1 50		1 00		5 80		5 00		5 00		5 00		9 00		9 00		9 00		9 00		6 25		21 00

REGULATION SCHEDULE.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Appalachee, Baptist Union, Bethel, Bowen, Carrollton.
Central, Centennial, Chattooga, Clarksville, Columbus.
Concord, Coosawatee. Coosa Daniel, Ebenezer.
Fairburn, Flint River, Floyd County, Friendship, Georgia.
Harmony, Hebron, Hephzibah, High-tower, Houston.
Little River, Liberty, Mallory Mell, Mercer.
Middle, Middle - Cherokee, Miller, Mountaintown.
New Ebenezer, New Sunbury, New Union, Noonday.
North Georgia, Pine Mountain, Piedmont, Polk County.
Rehobeth, Boswell, Sarepta, Smyrna.
Summer Hill, South River, Tallapoosa, Stone Mountain.
Tugalo, Washington, Western, Mt. Vernon.

Sec- tions	JAN'y	FEB'y	MAR	AP'L	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
A	M. U.	Masn.	Masn.	I. M.	Masn.	Masn.	O. H.	Masn.	Masn.	M. E.	Masn.	Masn.
B	Masn.	Masn.	I. M.	Masn.	Masn.	O. H.	Masn.	Masn.	M. E.	Masn.	Masn.	M. U.
C	Masn	I. M.	Masn	Masn	O. H.	Masn	Masn	M. E.	Masn	Masn	M. U.	Masn
D	I. M.	Masn	Masn	O. H.	Masn	Masn	M. E.	Masn	Masn	M. U.	Masn	I. M.
E	Masn	Masn	O. H.	Masn	Masn	M. E.	Masn	Masn	M. U.	Masn	I. M.	Masn
F	Masn	O. H.	Masn	Masn	M. E.	Masn	Masn	M. U.	Masn	Masn	I. M.	Masn
G	O. H.	Masn	Masn	M. E.	Masn	Masn	M. U.	Masn	Masn	I. M.	Masn	Masn
H	Masn	Masn	M. E.	Masn	Masn	M. U.	Masn	Masn	I. M.	Masn	Masn	O. H.
I	Masn	M. E.	Masn	Masn	M. U.	Masn	I. M.	Masn	Masn	O. H.	Masn	Masn
J	M. E.	Masn	Masn	M. U.	Masn	Masn	I. M.	Masn	Masn	O. H.	Masn	Masn
K	Masn	Masn	M. U.	Masn	Masn	I. M.	Masn	Masn	O. H.	Masn	Masn	M. E.
L	Masn	M. U.	Masn	Masn	I. M.	Masn	Masn	O. H.	Masn	Masn	M. E.	Masn

Key to Abbreviations Above.—M. U. Mercer University; Masn Missions; M. E. Ministerial Education; I. M. Indigent Ministers; O. H. Orphan's Home.





LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. Z. F. Golden, Cuthbert, Ga.
J. L. Underwood, Cuthbert, Ga.
H. L. Crumbley, Cuthbert, Ga.
J. W. Sullivan, Cuthbert, Ga.
J. W. Martin, Cuthbert, Ga.
W. D. Hammock, Coleman, Ga.
J. S. Knowles, Coleman, Ga.
J. W. Nichols, Coleman, Ga.
J. H. Corley, Ft. Gaines, Ga.
Charles Hepburn, Ft. Gaines, Ga.
W. O. Crumbley, Ft. Gaines, Ga.
R. A. J. Powell, Shellman, Ga.
C. H. Knighton, Shellman, Ga.
John Martin, Bethel, Ga.
A. C. Wellens, Blakely, Ga.
J. J. King, Blakely, Ga.
J. G. Corley, Blakely, Ga.
J. I. D. Miller, Benevolence, Ga.
J. W. Sauls, Lodrick, Ga.
W. M. Howell, Bluffton, Ga.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt an Order of Business for Present Session.
4. Hear Application for Membership.
5. Fix the Hours for Meeting and Adjourning.
6. Appoint Committees to Report at the Present Session, namely: (1) On Preaching; (2) on Finance; (3) on Auditing; (4) on Digest of Letters from the Churches and State of the Churches; (5) on Nomination (to Preach Introductory and Mission Sermons at Next Session, Delegates to the State Convention, Messengers to S. Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College and Executive Committee.)
7. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational Enterprises, and Visitors.
8. Hear the report of the Treasurer.
9. Hear the Report of the Executive Committee.
10. Hear the Report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
11. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) On Missions; (2) on Sunday Schools; (3) on Education; (4) on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches; (5) on Nominations; (6) on Finance; (7) Auditing Committee.
12. Elect Treasurer.
13. Appoint Correspondents.
14. Fix the Time and Place of Holding Next Session.
15. Appoint Committees to Report at Next Session: (1) On Missions; (2) on Sunday Schools; (3) on Education; (4) on Obituaries.
16. Call for Applications for Dismissions.
17. Arrange for Printing the Minutes and for the Clerk's Fee.
18. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Sixty-Fourth Annual Session

—OF THE—

✦ BETHEL ✧ ASSOCIATION, ✦

—HELD WITH—

Arlington Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Ga., Oct. 27th,
28th, and 29th, 1896.

OFFICERS.

REV. E. Z. F. GOLDEN, D. D. MODERATOR.
BRO. L. A. DUGGAN CLERK.
DR. F. M. BLEDSOE TREASURER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BRO. T. MOODY, BRO. B. W. ELLIS, BRO. N. T. SPIVEY.

Next Session meets with Rehobeth Church, Randolph County, Ga., on Tuesday, after the 4th Sunday in October, 1897.

CUTHBERT, GA.
THE LEADER JOB PRINTING HOUSE,
1896.



MINUTES.

ARLINGTON, GA., Oct. 27th, 1896.

The BETHEL ASSOCIATION met with the Arlington Baptist church at the appointed time, at 10 o'clock a. m., and after a prayer and song service, listened to the Introductory Sermon by Bro. John Martin, from Ex. 21:29. The congregation was dismissed until 2 p. m.

FIRST DAY—P. M. SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the body met and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. E. Z. F. Golden, D. D., and after a song was led in prayer by Rev. W. D. Hammock. The names of the delegates were then enrolled.

The permanent organization was then formed by re-electing Rev. E. Z. F. Golden, by acclamation, as Moderator, and L. A. Duggan Clerk, by ballot.

During the interval occupied by counting the ballots for Clerk listened to Bro. Jas. F. Edens in behalf of the Christian Index.

On motion of Bro. W. D. Hammock heard Bro. J. G. Gibson on Missions.

Adopted the usual order of business.

It was moved to suspend the order of business and read the letters from the churches. The motion was laid on the table.

Appointed for meeting the hours 8:30 a. m., and 2 p. m., and for adjourning 11 a. m., for preaching, and in the afternoon, at will.

The Committees for the session were appointed as follows:

On Preaching—F. M. Bledsoe, W. A. Manry, the pastor and messengers from the Arlington church.

On Finance—J. M. Taylor, J. W. Harris and T. F. Jones.

Auditor—N. H. McLendon.

Digest of Letters—H. L. Crumbley, J. E. Coram and E. H. Lee.

On Nominations—W. D. Hammock, I. R. Bridges and J. J. Beck.

Welcomed the following Correspondents:

From Friendship Association—R. A. Morgan and H. R. McLendon.

Summer Hill—T. N. Coleman.

Rehobeth—Z. T. Weaver.

Central—J. W. R. Jenkins.

Bowen—J. A. Rooks.

Bro. J. G. Gibson, representing the Mission Boards and other Baptist interests; Bro. Jas. F. Edens, for the Christian Index; Bro. Harvey Hatcher, for A. B. P. Society; Bro. J. I. D. Miller, for the Southern Female College, of LaGrange, and for Mercer University; and Bro. E. H. Clark, for Bethel Male College.

Received the benediction by Bro. T. N. Coleman.

Preaching at night by Rev. J. G. Gibson, D. D.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment at half past eight o'clock.

Read and confirmed the minutes of the preceding day.

Welcomed brethren N. R. Sanborn and W. L. Cutts from the Friendship Association.

Heard the report of the Treasurer, as follows:

J. B. HOBBS, TREASURER,

In account with BETHEL ASSOCIATION:

1895.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 30, To amt rec'd from Finance Committee.....	\$1,034 78	
“ 28, “ “ “ “ Colomokee Church.....	2 50	
“ “ “ “ “ Blakely Church.....	8 00	
Oct. 30, By amt paid J. G. Gibson.....		\$904 74
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“ “ “ “ J. W. Stanford.....		18 71
“ “ “ “ W. M. Howell.....		66 50
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“ “ “ “ Blakely Church.....		8 00
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And referred to the Auditing Committee.

Heard report of Executive Committee as follows:

By consent of the Executive Committee, Bro. J. I. D. Miller has had charge of the books belonging to the colporteur fund, left by Bro. Muse.

Bro. Miller reports that he has sold some of the original stock and has, from time to time, supplied the needs in that line and that it is now equal in value and quality to the original stock.

The report was amended by the following resolution, offered by Bro. Miller:

Resolved, That our book and literature work after this be known as the “Muse Colportage,” and that the churches, individual members and friends to the cause be urged to give to the support of this enterprise.

T. MOODY,
B. W. ELLIS, } Committee.
N. T. SPIVEY, }

The report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Ordered that the reports of the trustees of Bethel College and the Committee on Education be made the special order for 10:15 o'clock.

Received the report of the Committee on Missions as follows:

The spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christ. We feel that we ought to be thankful for the wonderful increase in the contributions from the most of our churches. It shows that the people are learning their duty in this line of work, and still there is room for great improvement on the part of all our churches and we would urge the pastors to preach Missions more and do it all along through the year, and if we would take at least monthly collections and oftener, if practical, it would greatly increase the amount sent by our churches. We would also urge the deacons to co-operate with the pastors in the mission work and try to reach every member and get a contribution from each one, for that is the scriptural way to evangelize the world.

We are taught that if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His and He came on a mission to earth and that was, to save the lost, and unless we are doing what we can for the salvation of the lost, we are not like Christ.

Christians that do not give something for Missions cannot have the joys of salvation in their own hearts.

We are taught that “the liberal soul shall be made fat,” so those who will not give will have leanness of soul. Again, we are taught that “it is more blessed to give than to receive;” and again, if we give it shall be given back.

There is every argument in favor of giving to Missions and none whatever against it and if any are not willing to contribute to the cause of Missions, after they have been taught their duty, they have great reason to fear that they have not passed from death into life.

We can never do what we ought to do until we get all of the church members to give and do it regularly. We never can improve on the Bible plan, for

that is God's plan and He is allwise and the very source of wisdom, and the wisest thing we can do is to take God's plan. He that is of God hath God's word, and He says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature;" "Freely ye have received, freely give." Christ surely organized the church for the purpose of preaching the gospel to the world.

J. S. KNOWLES,
W. M. HOWELL, } Committee.
J. W. SAULS,

The discussion was made the special order for 2 o'clock.

At 10:15 received report of Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College, as follows:

ARLINGTON, GA., Oct. 28, 1896.

The Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College respectfully submit their Annual Report:

Since your last session there has been no change in your Board. A kind Providence has preserved, and we hope directed us.

At the Annual meeting of the Board, held June 2d, last, Prof. Adoniram Judson Clark, of Barnesville, Ga., was elected President of the College, and a written contract was entered into, with him, for a period of five years, with the privilege of ten years, provided both parties are satisfied. President Clark is not a stranger to Southwest Ga. During the time the College was a Branch of the State University he was, unquestionably, its most successful President, and we have no reason to fear that his present work will be less efficient. He and all his family are Baptists, in perfect harmony and sympathy with all our denominational interests, and is entitled to your love, confidence and esteem. He is a born teacher, possessing largely the unusual qualification of imparting knowledge to his pupils. His wise management, firm but kind discipline, the marked increase in attendance, together with the latest, up to date, improved method of teaching, has convinced us fully that we have the right man in the right place. He has associated with him his two sons, Professors E. H. and A. A. Clark, who, from their thorough Normal training, experience as teachers, and their many excellent qualities of heart and mind, are thoroughly fitted for this, their life work.

The college property is in better condition than at any time since its return to us. Under our contract with Prof. Clark, it brings us sufficient revenue to keep up the ordinary repairs.

The boarding department has also been thoroughly renovated, painted and repaired, making it neat, attractive and comfortable. It is under the personal supervision of Prof. Clark and family, who make it pleasant and homelike for all the boys and young men entrusted to their care.

We want to call special attention to the fact that Bethel College has the advantage of a Scholarship in Mercer University free, each year, to the best boy in the College. This generous gift, on their part, enables us to send annually one student to Mercer free, which advantage we are now enjoying; also, Prof. Clark offers free tuition to the sons of ministers actively engaged in ministerial work, and to young men studying for the ministry.

Affectionately submitted. E. Z. F. GOLDEN, President of Board.

B. W. ELLIS, Sec'y. of Board.

And report of Committee on Education:

Your committee realize the great importance of education, and feel that it should receive special attention from all our people. It is true that an education does not make the man, or the woman, but it wonderfully helps them in the various callings of life. The man to whom God has given innate principles of success, by diligent application and perseverance will not fail, though he may not have the advantages afforded by good schools, but we all know that his success would be far more marked, and satisfactory, with these advantages. A thoroughly cultivated mind and heart, prepared by the grace of God, are of untold profit to the one who resolves to live and defend the truths of God. There are gems of truth in the realms of theology that cannot be well reached, and simplified, only by a trained mind and a regenerated heart. There are flowers in the practical world that can be plucked, only through this channel.

Therefore our great denomination should not neglect this part of our work. We earnestly desire to grow in power in the material world, and also to rapidly advance and propagate the everlasting truths—doctrines for which our Lord and Master lived and died. We believe that Baptists should be aroused to their full duty on the educational line, because it is oftentimes through education that error is displaced by the truth. We believe that God will move the hearts of his people to make greater and more determined effort to give our boys and girls better educational advantages every year. It is with much pride and satisfaction that we point to our denominational schools and colleges in the State, and to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. The Seminary is ours, we ought to love it, and do all we can for its support, praying for it and believing it to be an institution of God. Then there is Mercer University, the pet and pride of Georgia Baptists. We cannot afford not to rally to its support, to put it on a sure, solid foundation, that it may stand forever as a monument of our faithfulness and loyalty to God, of our love for mankind, and a heritage for our children. We must not be unmindful of the Bethel Male College, at Cuthbert, which is now in a flourishing condition under the management of Prof. A. J. Clark, assisted by an able corps of teachers. We mention with pleasure Monroe Female College, of Forsyth, the Southern Female College, at Manchester, Shorter College, at Rome, and the Southern Female College at LaGrange, Ga. All of these are Baptist Colleges and need, and merit our earnest support. Let us pray earnestly to our God and Father for a return of prosperity among our people, and that a new impetus may be given to our educational interests, that His richest blessings may crown our efforts in this direction, that we may do all we can to prosper the great cause which He has committed to our charge. Respectfully submitted.

H. L. CRUMBLEY, }
J. W. MARTIN, } Committee.
W. D. HAMMOCK, }

Brethren Jas. F. Eden and J. I. D. Miller spoke on the report.

Preaching hour having arrived further discussion was made the order for 3 o'clock, Bro. Miller having the floor.

Rev. E. Z. F. Golden, D. D., by appointment, then preached an earnest missionary sermon from I Samuel, 2:30, after which a collection was taken amounting to \$25.15.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 o'clock and took up the special order, which was the discussion of the report on Missions. After speeches by brethren R. A. Morgan, J. L. Underwood and Miller the report was adopted.

Welcomed Bro. J. L. Underwood from the Tucker Association.

The following brethren were excused: T. F. Jones, S. A. Lindsey, D. T. Norwood, I. P. Rhodes, O. H. Saunders, B. T. Pierce, J. T. Lindsey, W. C. Belisle, E. B. Bass, W. T. Hammock, B. J. Dawson, W. T. and O. E. Tison, J. L. Porter, Daniel Pace, J. T. Roberts, Thos. Mashburn, O. E. Hall, J. J. Beck, W. A. Manry, G. W. Harrison, Gill Willis, and I. A. Martin.

Received the report of Committee on Sabbath Schools:

We would emphasize the importance of the Sabbath School work. If we could get our minds and hearts fully imbued with its importance, so as to cause us to devote our energies to its advancement, our hearts would ultimately rejoice over the harvest of souls and our churches would bloom like the rose.

What is put into the first of life is put into the whole of life, and there is no time in the history of human life when the mind and heart are so readily impressed with religious truth as in youth.

If we would have our young people grow up to be useful and intelligent christians, if we would develop the latent faculties and utilize the dormant spiritual forces, we must not neglect the opportunities afforded us in the Sabbath School.

Our children are suffering from the lack of trained and skilled workers, and we must look to the Sabbath School to supply this need.

The officers and teachers should therefore be pious, consecrated, intelligent men and women, whose hearts pulsate with the love of Christ for the perishing.

We are pleased to note the increasing interest in Sabbath School work and, as an evidence of God's approval, the many conversions as the result of this work.

We believe the reason there are not more frequent conversions is because our hearts are not as fully enlisted in the work as they should be.

We should not rest content until every church has a well attended and flourishing Sabbath school.

A. C. WELLONS, Ch'mn.

Bro. Wellons spoke on the report.

At 3 o'clock took up the special order, when Bro. Miller continued his discussion of the report on Education.

By motion of Bro. I. A. Martin speeches were limited to five minutes. The discussion was continued by brethren T. N. Coleman, Z. T. Weaver, W. D. Hammock and J. W. Stanford, after which it was adopted.

Bro. F. M. Bledsoe made an appeal for Dr. J. J. Brantley, and received \$6 50.

Preaching at night by Rev. N. R. Sauborn from Romans 10:1-2-3.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

After religious exercises by Rey. W. M. Howell the minutes of preceding day were read and adopted.

Bro. H. Hatcher continued the discussion on the report of the S. S. Committee, followed by brethren Howell, N. T. Spivey, D. W. Hammock and J. W. Stanford.

Adopted the following resolution, offered by Bro. L. A. Duggan:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the work of the Sabbath School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and recommend their line of publications to our Sabbath Schools.

The report was adopted.

Received report of Committee on Nominations, as follows:

To the Bethel Baptist Association: Brethren—Your Committee beg leave to make and report the following Nominations:

1. Bro. J. G. Corley to preach next Introductory Sermon; Alternate, J. S. Knowles.
2. Bro. J. I. D. Miller to preach the Mission Sermon; Alternate, J. W. Sauls.
3. Messengers to the State Convention, F. M. Bledsoe, J. S. Knowles, J. W. Martin, E. Z. F. Golden, W. O. Crumbley, C. Morse, J. L. Underwood, W. T. Rogers, H. L. Crumbley, J. G. Corley, J. W. Stanford, Z. T. Weaver, H. C. Buchanan, W. P. Killingsworth, G. R. Colley and A. C. Wellons.
4. Members of the Executive Committee, Terrell McCly, B. W. Ellis and N. T. Spivey.
5. Board of Trustees of Bethel College, W. W. Binion, F. M. Bledsoe, B. W. Ellis, I. B. Manry, J. E. Martin, R. D. Gay, J. S. Knowles, J. C. Martin, J. G. Collier, E. Z. F. Golden, W. T. Rogers, E. H. Lee, H. P. Hass, Z. T. Weaver, W. S. Curry, J. W. Martin, J. W. Harris, N. T. Spivey, O. J. Hermann, J. W. Stanford, A. P. Moye, J. H. Manry, W. O. Crumbley, J. W. Sauls, J. T. Stewart and Henry Turner.
6. Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention, Z. T. Weaver and E. Z. F. Golden,

All of which is respectfully submitted. W. D. HAMMOCK, }
I. R. BRIDGES, } Committee.
J. J. BECK, }

Adopted.

Received report of Finance Committee as follows:

We your Finance Committee beg leave to make the following report:

For Minutes.....	\$ 34 50
“ Associational Purposes.....	27 25
“ State Missions.....	219 22
“ Home Missions.....	229 63
“ Foreign Missions.....	282 90
“ Indigent Ministers.....	20 75
“ Mercer University.....	11 00
“ Orphan's Home.....	59 63
“ Muse Monument.....	11 60
Previously sent.....	759 90
Public Collection (not directed).....	25 15

Grand Total..... \$1,681 53.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. TAYLOR,
T. F. JONES,
J. W. HARRIS, } Committee.

The report was adopted.

Granted six minutes' time to Bro. J. L. Underwood to make a personal address.

The printed order of business was suspended to receive the report of the Committee on Temperance, which had been omitted from the list. The report was received as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report intoxicating beverages as one of the greatest evils. Call it by what name you may, liquor, beer or wine, it is the same in its destructive work.

The cause of temperance is firm, and is steadily pressing forward. It was never more active than at the present. It has done MUCH GOOD, but there is much yet to be done. Every county in our territory is wet; with liquor shops at work in all directions, sending out destruction. Why is this so? Because so many of our voting members vote wet.

We don't think local option can relieve us. We need the Bush Bill for the State. Prohibition is the law we need. We should not vote for any man to go to the Legislature who will not vote for such a law.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MARTIN,
J. E. CORAM,
G. R. SWAN, } Committee.

Adopted.

Dr. F. M. Bledsoe and Bro. J. M. Taylor were nominated for Treasurer. Bro. Bledsoe was elected.

Appointed Correspondents to the following Associations:

To Friendship—J. S. Knowles and W. D. Hammock.

“ Mallary—A. C. Wellons, J. W. Martin and E. Z. F. Golden.

“ Rehobeth—

“ Eufaula—F. M. Bledsoe and J. S. Knowles.

“ Jndson—W. O. Crumbley.

“ Summer Hill—John Martin, W. D. Hammock, J. S. Knowles, F. M. Bledsoe, T. J. Methvin, T. A. Mashburn and E. Z. F. Golden.

Ft. Gaines and Rehobeth churches invited the Association to hold its session with them next year. Ft. Gaines withdrew in favor of Rehobeth, and the invitation of that church was accepted.

Appointed the time of meeting on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1897.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

(1) On Education, J. W. Stanford, W. P. Killingsworth and E. G. Sandlin;

(2) On Obituaries, J. S. Knowles, J. G. Corley and J. M. Edwards; (3) On

Sabbath Schools, J. B. Payne, J. C. Joiner and W. T. Methvin; (4) On Missions, Jno. W. Martin, B. J. Dawson and John Dale; (5) On Temperance, J. I. D. Miller, J. D. Hendry and C. M. Poindexter.

Granted leave of absence to Bro. I. A. Martin.

On motion the printing of the minutes was left with the Clerk, and the amount sent up for associational purposes be made his salary.

Received the verbal report of the Auditor and adopted it.

Received the report of Committee on Digest of Letters, as follows:

Your Committee on examination of letters find that their encouraging features compare favorably with those of last year except in missionary contributions, which is to be much regretted. This, however, may be due to a lack of material prosperity rather than of spirituality. We find that the Sabbath School and prayer meeting work is on the increase, 27 schools and 15 prayer meetings being reported out of 35 letters. Our prayer to God is that the efforts of all our churches may be greater and more signally blessed.

Respectfully submitted.

H. L. CRUMBLEY, }
J. E. CORAM, } Committee.
E. H. LEE, }

Adopted.

Moved and carried to suspend the order of business for five minutes that Bro. H. L. Crumbley might offer the following resolution:

Inasmuch as God, our heavenly Father, has seen fit to remove our dearly beloved and highly esteemed brother, Rev. W. M. Howell, and family, from our Association and State; be it

Resolved 1. That in giving up Brother Howell, we acknowledge, with grateful hearts, the faithful service he has rendered our Association, under God, during the twenty-five years he labored with us as a minister of the gospel, and for fifteen years clerk of the Bethel Association.

2. That we recommend him to the Baptist brotherhood wherever God may put him, as a bold, fearless, humble, consecrated preacher of the gospel, pure and simple, and one whose character as a christian, and citizen, is above reproach.

3. That we will always cherish his memory, profit by his example, praying that God's richest blessings may accompany his dear family, and that some day when the battle is fought and the victory is won, we all may meet him in that glorious and everlasting association in heaven, over which our Savior will preside in person.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Received and adopted the report of the special committee on the Jno. T. Clarke Cottage enterprise, as follows:

We, the committee appointed last Association to investigate the John T. Clarke cottage enterprise and the disposal of the funds collected:

We consulted Dr. Gambrell, president of Mercer University, personally on the subject and he referred us to Mr. Huguenin, the treasurer. We communicated with Mr. Huguenin, who denied the statements made to the Association and asserted that there was on the campus of Mercer University a house known as the John T. Clarke Cottage. After these facts were learned your committee made no further efforts to investigate. Respectfully submitted,

F. M. BLEDSOE, Ch'mn.

Received and adopted the report of the special committee on the Thos. Muse Monument, as follows:

Your special Committee, appointed at the last session of the Association to erect a monument, over the grave, to the memory of Uncle Tommy Muse, beg to report that duty has been performed. A monument 18 feet high, with handsome design of Holy Bible open, with hand pointing heavenward on one side, date of birth and death on another, and name and age of his first wife, Aunt Susan, who is buried by his side, on the other. The monument cost \$300, and a

picture of it can be seen in Bro. Golden's book, "Uncle Tommy Muse," a copy of which ought to be in every Baptist home. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STANFORD,
W. D. HAMMOCK, } Committee.
J. B. PAYNE, }

Suspended the regular order to receive the report of the Committee on Obituaries as follows:

Your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report: So far as we can learn, there has not one of our brethren in the ministry been called away from his labors this year. For which we should be thankful to Him for His long suffering toward us. Dear brethren, let us all resolve to live nearer to Him in the days to come, and to work, more and more, in the vineyard of our Master. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. HAMMOCK,
W. J. SULLIVAN, } Committee.
J. T. PEAK, }

The report was adopted, and a prayer of thanks offered by brother Howell.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. W. D. Hammock:

Resolved, That the 4th article of the present constitution be annulled by striking out from last part of said article the words, "or otherwise," which was lost.

Bro. W. D. Hammock offered the following resolution as a memorial to the next Association, which was passed:

To the officers and members of the Bethel Association, to convene with Rehobeth church: We hereby memorialize and request that you fix as the first order of business after the election of officers, "The reading of all letters and perfecting the roll of messengers therefrom."

Bro. Bledsoe offered the following motion, which was carried:

"I move that the Clerk send out to the clerks of the churches, printed forms for them to use, and save the time of the body."

Gave Bro. Edens, five minutes to present the S. S. work of Bro. R. H. Smith, and the publications of the S. S. Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Bro. E. G. Sandlin offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Bethel Association, extend to the Arlington church and community our thanks for their kind hospitality toward us during our session.

Dr. F. M. Bledsoe offered the following resolution, which was carried:

Resolved, That the Bethel Association appoint J. I. D. Miller agent of the Muse Colportage Fund, under the supervision and with the assistance of the Executive Committee. Who shall devote the time, during the associational year, not demanded by his churches, to the colporteur—house-to-house-work—with the view of raising funds and keeping the subject before the people, with the hope of larger work next year, with a salary of \$100, and the profits of the books he sells.

After singing, "How firm a Foundation," and an affecting hand-shaking, the body adjourned with prayer by Bro. W. M. Howell.

REV. E. Z. F. GOLDEN, D. D., Moderator.

L. A. DUGGAN, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association, and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This association shall have no right to legislate for the churches, nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will be only an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot or otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the association.

7. He shall see that brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject, or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall have no voice in determining questions, except in case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it, when required, and shall print and distribute the minutes among the several churches belonging to the association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall, from time to time, appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the association, give security to the chairman of the executive committee and his successors in office for the same, and pay these out as the association, through her executive committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the association for each fiscal year.

11. The association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the association upon motion and second and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled as messengers are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This constitution and rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive committee, consisting of three members chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treas

urer during the recess of this body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual minutes the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter.

ART. 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from this holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

ART. 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

ART. 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART. 8. We believe in "the perseverance of the saints;" that all those who are truly regenerated and born again will ultimately be saved in heaven; that a special providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons.

ART. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper.

ART. 11. We believe that Communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and have been legally baptized.

ART. 12. We believe in a general judgement and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Mercer University.	Orphan's Home.	Muse Monument Fund.	Bethel College.	Previously Sent Up	Total Amount.
Arlington.	Calhoun.	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 40	\$ 8 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 11 20	\$ 28 60		
Benevolence.	Randolph.	1 50	1 00	9 00	9 00	9 20					32 80	62 50	
Bethel.	Clay.	75	75	8 00	8 00	11 50					21 10	66 10	
Bethel.	Early.	50	50	50	50	35						2 35	
Blakely.	Early.	50	50	50	50	6 45						44 63	
Bluffton.	Clay.	1 00	1 00	7 50	7 50	7 50					22 67	24 50	
Cuthbert.	Randolph.	1 00	1 00	9 33	9 33	9 33					324 92	326 92	
Columan.	Randolph.	1 00	1 00	6 35	6 35	3 50					13 60	31 45	
Colomakee.	Early.	1 00	50	5 00	5 00	2 45					10 60	25 00	
Herod.	Terrell.	1 00	50	5 00	5 00	11 75					7 68	52 48	
Panascus.	Randolph.	1 00	50	5 00	5 00	8 65					4 75	15 90	
Dover.	Terrell.	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	8 65					7 35	34 80	
Elm.	Calhoun.	75	50	8 65	8 65	5 00					35 11	107 71	
Enon.	Quitman.	1 00	50	20 00	20 00	6 00					6 40	25 90	
Enterprise.	Clay.	50	50	6 00	6 00	17 25					1 00	10 31	
Ft Gaines.	Randolph.	1 00	50	17 00	17 00	10 00					5 00	29 00	
Friendship.	Quitman.	1 00	50	5 00	5 00	14 22					16 00	52 72	
Georgetown.	Early.	50	50	10 00	10 00	3 00					3 15	10 50	
Hilton.	Calhoun.	50	50	3 00	3 00	5 39					82 02	148 37	
Leary.	Calhoun.	50	50	20 95	20 95	20 95					4 00	19 00	
Mt Hebron.	Randolph.	1 50	1 00	2 50	2 50	4 75					8 65	18 65	
Mt Giffard.	Clay.	50	50	21 44	21 44	4 75					23 05	44 05	
Mt Vernon.	Clay.	75	75	5 00	5 00	8 10					22 00	103 32	
Mt Zion.	Clay.	75	75	5 00	5 00	4 10					4 50	21 20	
New Bethel.	Randolph.	2 00	1 50	6 00	6 00	4 90					5 00	25 60	
New Hope.	Early.	1 50	1 00	2 50	2 50	4 90					51 60	50 00	
Rehobeth.	Calhoun.	1 00	50	2 50	2 50	4 90					7 66	37 10	
Salem.	Calhoun.	1 00	1 00	21 44	21 44	4 75					16 00	6 85	
Shelman.	Randolph.	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	4 10							
Shiloh.	Clay.	50	50	5 00	5 00	4 90							
Vithulah.	Randolph.	1 50	1 00	5 00	5 00	4 90							
Lebanon.	Terrell.	75	75	5 00	5 00	4 90							
Midway.	Clay.	50	1 00	4 90	4 90	2 66							
Milford.	Baker.	1 00	50	6 40	6 40	3 00							
Morgan.	Calhoun.	1 00	1 00	6 35	6 35	3 00							
Pine View.	Early.	75	75	1 35	1 00	3 00							

TE—Public Collection, not directed,..... 25 15.

Collection for Dr. J. J. Brantley..... 6 50.

Collection for Rev. Chas. Hepburn..... 16 71.

Total..... \$48 36.

Associational * Church * Letter.

The.....Baptist Church at
County, Ga., to the Bethel Baptist Association, greeting:
We send as our messengers,

Alternates,.....

Our statistics are as follows:

Received by Baptism, .....	|	Dismissed by Letter, .....	.....
Received by Letter,		Excluded, .....	.....
Restored,		Dead, .....	.....

No. Female Members, No. Male members, total,
Days of Meeting,

We send the following funds:

For Minutes, .....	.....
For Associational Funds, .....	.....
For State Missions, .....	.....
For Home Missions, .....	.....
For Foreign Missions, .....	.....
For Muse Colportage Fund, .....	.....
For Indigent Ministers, .....	.....
For Mercer University, .....	.....
Orphan Home, .....	.....
Previously Sent Up, .....	.....
Pastor, .....	.....
Church Clerk, .....	.....

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Superintendent, .....	.....
Postoffice, .....	.....
Number of Teachers, .....	.....
Number of Pupils, .....	.....

REMARKS.....

NOTE.—Contributions, except cash, from Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies, etc., should be included in item Previously Sent Up.

REGULATION SCHEDULE.

ASSOCIATIONS.		SEC- TIONS.	JAN'Y.	FEB'Y.	M'CH.	AP'L.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Appalachee, Baptist Union, Bethel, Bowen, Carrollton.	A	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn
Central, Centennial, Chattooga, Clarks-ville, Columbus.	B	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.
Concord, Coosawattee, Coosa Daniel, Ebenezer.	C	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn
Fairburn, Flint River, Floyd County, Friendship, Georgia.	D	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn
Harmony, Hebron, Hephzibah, High-tower, Houston.	E	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.
Little River, Liberty, Mallary, Mell, Mercer.	F	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn
Middle, Middle - Cherokee, Miller, Mountaintown.	G	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn
New Ebenezer, New Sunbury, New Union, Noonday.	H	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.
North Georgia, Pine Mountain, Pied-mont, Polk County.	I	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn
Rehobeth, Boswell, Sarepta, Smyrna,	J	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn
Summer Hill, South River, Tallapoosa, Stone Mountain.	K	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.
Tugalo, Washington, Western, Mt. Vernon.	L	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn
Key to Abbreviations Above.—M. U. Mercer University; Mssn Missions; M. E. Ministerial Education; I. M. Indigent Ministers; O. H. Orphan's Home.														

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. Z. F. Golden, D. D., Cuthbert, Ga.
J. L. Underwood, Bluffton, Ga.
H. L. Crumbley, Cuthbert, Ga.
W. J. Sullivan, Cuthbert, Ga.
J. W. Martin, Urbs, Ga.
W. D. Hammock, Coleman, Ga.
J. S. Knowles, Coleman, Ga.
J. W. Nichols, Coleman, Ga.
J. H. Corley, Ft. Gaines, Ga.
Charles Hepburn, Ft. Gaines, Ga.
W. O. Crumbley, Ft. Gaines, Ga.
R. A. J. Powell, Shellman, Ga.
C. H. Knighton, Shellman, Ga.
Z. T. Weaver, Shellman, Ga.
John Martin, Bethel, Ga.
A. C. Wellons, Arlington, Ga.
J. J. King, Blakely, Ga.
J. G. Corley, Blakely, Ga.
J. I. D. Miller, Cuthbert, Ga.
J. W. Sauls, Lodrick, Ga.
J. E. Dikes, Damascus, Ga.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt an Order of Business for present Session.
4. Hear Application for Membership.
5. Fix the Hours for Meeting and Adjourning.
6. Appoint Committees to Report at the present Session, namely: (1.) On Preaching; (2) on Finance; (3) on Auditing; (4) on Digest of Letters from the Churches and State of the Churches; (5) on Nominations; (to Preach Introductory and Mission Sermons at Next Session, Delegates to the State Convention, Messengers to S. Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College and Executive Committee.)
7. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational Enterprises, and Visitors.
8. Hear the Report of the Treasurer.
9. Hear the Report of the Executive Committee.
10. Hear the Report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
11. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) On Missions; (2) on Sunday Schools; (3) on Temperance; (4) on Education; (5) on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches; (6) on Nominations; (7) on Finance; (8) Auditing Committee.
12. Elect Treasurer.
13. Appoint Correspondents.
14. Fix the Time and Place of Holding next Session.
15. Appoint Committee to Report next Session: (1) On Missions; (2) on Temperance; (3) on Sunday Schools; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries.
16. Call for Applications for Dismissions.
17. Arrange for Printing the Minutes and for the Clerk's Fee.
18. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES,

—OF THE—

Sixty-Fifth Annual Session

—OF THE—

✦ BETHEL ✦ ASSOCIATION, ✦

—HELD WITH—

Rehobeth Baptist Church, Randolph County, Ga., Oct. 26th,
27th and 28th, 1897.



OFFICERS:

REV. E. Z. F. GOLDEN, D. D.	.....	MODERATOR.
BRO. L. A. DUGGAN	.....	CLERK.
DR. F. M. BLEDSOE	.....	TREASURER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

BRO. T. MOODY, BRO. B. W. ELLIS, BRO. N. T. SPIVEY.

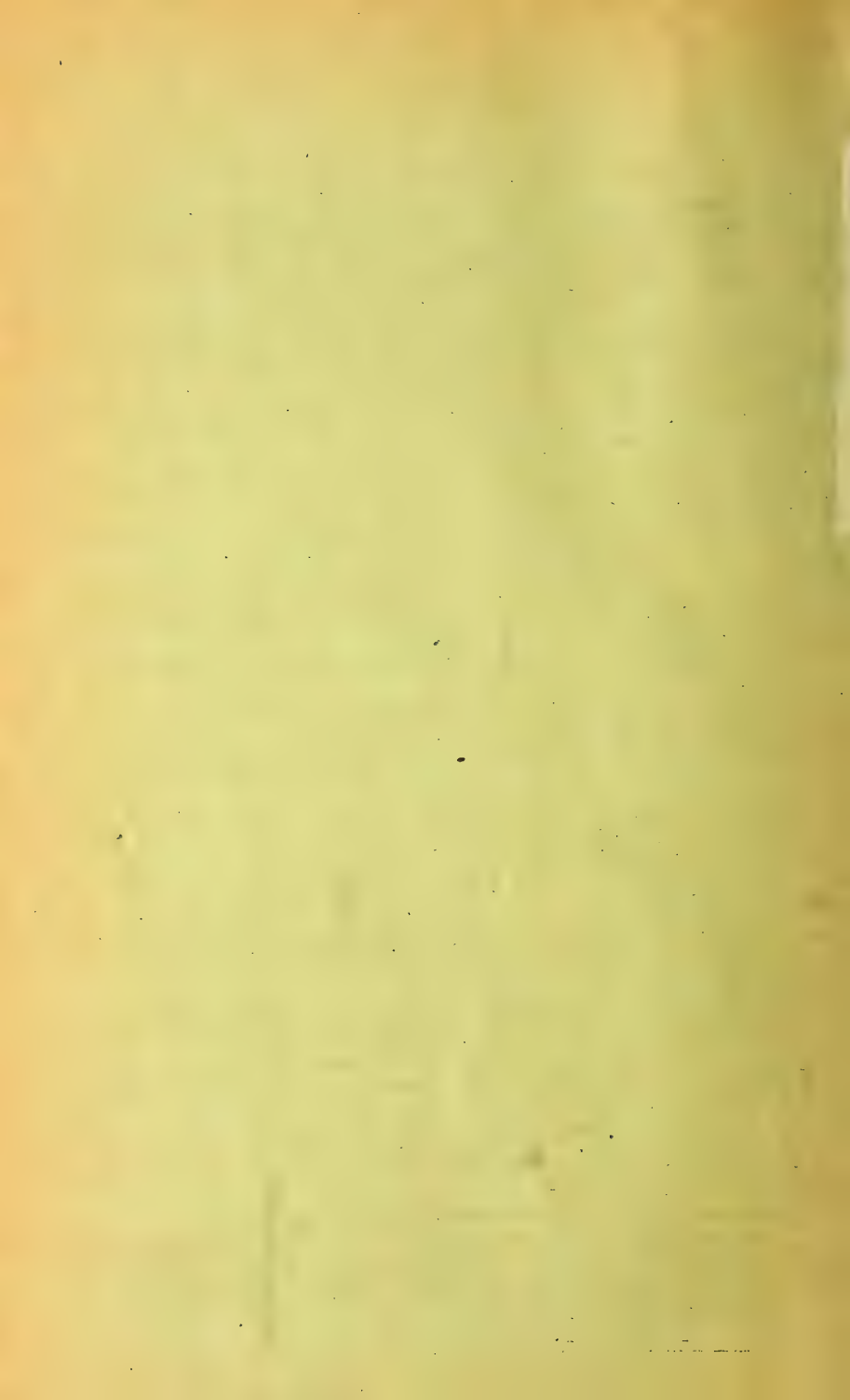
Next Session Meets with Spring Vale Church, Randolph County, Ga., on Tuesday, After the 4th Sunday in October, 1898.



CUTHBERT, GA.:

THE LEADER JOB PRINTING HOUSE,

1897.



MINUTES.

REHOBETH CHURCH, RANDOLPH CO., GA.; OCT. 26, 1897.

The BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met at this place according to appointment and, after a prayer service led by Rev. W. W. Mabry, listened to the Introductory Sermon from Rev. J. S. Knowles; theme: The Oneness of God's People in Christ, John 17-21.

FIRST DAY—P. M. SESSION.

After calling and correcting the roll, Rev. E. Z. F. Golden, D. D., was elected Moderator by acclamation and L. A. Duggan, Clerk.

Read the letters from the churches.

Adopted the order of business as printed in the minutes of last session.

Received as members of the body the following churches: Mt. Hebron, Miller Co., from the Bowen Association; Damascus, Early Co., and Hillside, Early Co., newly constituted churches.

Fixed the hours of meeting, 9 o'clock a. m. and 2 p. m., and for adjourning, half past 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Appointed the following committees for this session:

On Preaching—O. A. Harris, I. L. Balkcom, the pastor and messengers from Rehobeth church.

On Finance—J. M. Taylor, J. W. Harris and W. Z. T. Bridges.

Auditor—James W. Stanford.

On Digest of Letters from the Churches and State of the Churches—J. S. Knowles, G. E. Tison and J. W. Martin.

On Nominations—D. W. Hammock, A. D. Ingraham and Wm. Ford.

Received Correspondents, from Summer Hill Association—Rev. A. B. Hawkes, Rev. R. B. Taylor, Rev. W. W. Mabry and Bro. J. E. Lunsford; from Friendship—Rev. J. A. Griffin and Rev. H. R. McLendon; Dr. J. G. Gibson, representing the mission work of the State and Home and Foreign Boards; Rev. R. H. Smith representing the Georgia Baptist Orphans Home and the publications of the S. S. Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. Jas. F. Edens, for the Christian Index.

On motion of J. W. Stanford, Dr. Gibson presented his work.

Appointed the hour of 10:30 Wednesday to listen to Bro. R. H. Smith.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the body was dismissed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY—A. M. SESSION.

Opened at 9 o'clock by the Moderator reading Phillipians 2d, and prayer by Rev. J. A. Griffin.

Read and corrected the record of the previous session.

Welcomed the following correspondents: From Rehobeth Association, Rev. W. H. Norton; from Friendship, Rev. W. L. Cutts; Dr. G. A. Nunnally, representing the education of the Georgia girls.

Called and corrected the roll.

Dr. Gibson continued his speech which was interrupted by the adjournment yesterday afternoon.

At half past ten Bro. R. H. Smith presented the claims of the Georgia Baptist Orphans Home and took a collection in cash and subscriptions amounting to \$77.95 and promises of syrup, potatoes, etc.

Adjourned to hear the missionary sermon by Rev. J. I. D. Miller, from Proverbs 20:27, after which a collection was taken of \$10.91.

WEDNESDAY—P. M. SESSION.

Welcomed Rev. J. E. Carpenter, from Friendship Association, and Rev. T. N. Coleman, from the Summer Hill; visiting brethren, Rev. W. D. Hammock, J. T. Chambliss.

Suspended the order of business.

Appointed half past 3 as special order to fix time and place for holding next session.

Heard report of board of trustees of Bethel College and, after remarks by Bro. E. H. Clark, ordered it spread on the minutes as follows:

REHOBETH CHURCH, OCT. 27, 1897.

To the Bethel Association:—The Board of Trustees of Bethel College beg leave to make its annual report:

Since your last meeting another scholastic year of the college has closed and we are proud of the record that was made for the year 1896-7. Over a hundred boys and young men were enrolled, and an average of fully eighty was maintained throughout the year. President Clark with his able and efficient faculty have been alive to the interests of the college from the beginning of their management of the same to the present time, and the college, as we believe, is now in the most prosperous condition in which it has been since we have been in charge of the same.

During the summer vacation we have made repairs on the college and boarding house to the amount of about one hundred dollars, which places the same in fair condition as to repairs but many improvements are sorely needed and are very essential to its future prosperity and success.

The Association is earnestly urged to help on this grand and glorious work of ours, now that an abundant success seems in our grasp.

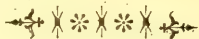
We trust you will at this sitting of your body give earnest consideration to the necessities of the college and devise such plans for its future as the importance of the work demands.

The college was again opened Sept. 6, in charge of President Clark and the same faculty as last year. There is now in attendance an average of eighty, thirteen of which are boarders—eleven in the college boarding house, which is under the immediate charge of President Clark and his family.

In comparison with last year the attendance of pupils shows, up to this time, an increase of 50% while the increase in the boarding department is 300%. This success in one year but foreshadows what the future of our Bethel may be made by an earnest pull all together.

E. Z. F. GOLDEN, President.

B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.



Received the Treasurer's report as follows:

F. M. BLEDSOE, TREASURER,

In account with BETHEL ASSOCIATION:

1896.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 29, To cash from former treasurer.....	\$ 10 50	
Sent up for minutes.....	34 50	
Associational purposes.....	27 25	
State missions.....	219 22	
Home missions.....	229 63	
Foreign missions.....	282 90	
Indigent ministers.....	20 75	
Mercer University.....	11 00	
Orphans Home.....	59 63	
Muse Monument.....	11 60	
Public collection.....	25 15	
Bank Allowance.....	2 00	
Oct. 29, By L. A. Dugan.....		\$ 61 75
Nov. 7, " J. G. Gibson.....		278 85
" 9, By R. J. Williamson.....		282 90
" 7, By L. T. Tichenor.....		229 63
" 11, By J. G. Gibson.....		56 90
" 12, By J. W. Stanford.....		11 60
By cash on hand.....		12 50

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Respectfully submitted,

F. M. BLEDSOE, Treasurer.

The report was referred to the Auditor.

Heard the report of the Committee on Education. After a rousing speech by Dr. Nuttall took a collection of \$35.80.

Postponed the special order for 3.30 to hear further remarks from J. W. Stanford, H. R. McLendon and Z. T. Weaver.

Adopted the report and ordered it put on the minutes, as follows:

The question of Education is one of the most important subjects before the people today. Upon the correct education of the people depends the safety of all our moral, social, political, financial and religious prosperity and liberty. No people should be more aroused to this fact than the Baptists and no people seem to be paying less attention to this great subject than they are.

The human mind, if left to itself unbiased by special education, with the light of divine revelation would naturally be Baptist. Hence the prevailing opinion among our people, "that it does not require an education to be a Baptist." If this be true, how important it is then that the people be educated properly that they may not be turned away from the natural paths intended by divine revelation for them to walk in, and that they may be able to maintain themselves against the false teachings of today.

It is time we, as a denomination to whom God has committed the "faith once for all delivered to the saints," were waking up and looking about us, and seeing the great efforts being made by others in every part of the land to get hold of the educational interests, that the rising generation may be thus guided into paths of their own choosing and held there by the strong cords of special education. This is becoming more and more alarming, for if you will but look about you, in every hamlet, and ask the question, who is educating your children, you will find that nearly all the schools are being filled by teachers of other denominations.

We feel that we cannot lay too much stress upon this important question, or urge our people too strongly to stand by their own denominational schools and know who it is teaching your children and what they are being taught.

We point with pride to our own Bethel College; owned, controlled and directed by us. It is ours; no other dare lay hands upon it to give direction, or even make suggestions as to who shall run it or how it shall be run. Its board

of trustees that direct it are elected by this body. Its teachers are selected by that board and its management is overlooked by a special prudential committee appointed for that purpose by the board. Thus we see it is directly controlled by this Association. It is doing not only a noble and thorough educational work but a grand missionary work, almost equal to that of a missionary on foreign fields. A boy cannot come there and stay under its influence and direction and go away without being a nobler and better boy. As proof of this, six from its walls joined the church last year.

It has educated not less than fifteen boys the past year, that were too poor to pay for their education. No one is turned away from its doors because they are unable to pay. Every minister's son is given tuition free. And each year a scholarship is given the best boy there, in Mercer University, free.

This institution should have the hearty sympathy, prayers, contributions and co-operation of every Baptist in the Bethel Association.

We would call special attention to Mercer University, that noble institution, planted by the sacrifices and prayers of our fathers, for the higher education of the young men of Georgia. To this institution is largely due the credit, under God's direction, of making Georgia a Baptist state. It is doing the best work it has ever done. The trustees are planning well and wisely, greater and broader things for it in the future. They are soliciting contributions now for a new library building, where the young men can go and read and hold their prayer meetings and fraternity meetings and have free bath rooms without having to leave the college grounds. Every Baptist in Georgia should contribute something to this worthy object.

We would not fail to call attention to our denominational college for young ladies, Shorter at Rome, Cox College at Manchester, Southern Female College at LaGrange, Monroe Female College at Forsyth. If you want your daughters to take a firm stand for God and His truth, among the noble Baptist women of Georgia, educate them in your own colleges.

Brethren, let us labor and pray earnestly and unitedly all along the lines for the accomplishment of greater things in the future than in the past.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. STANFORD, Chairman.

Extended the time to decide the time and place of next annual session. The place selected is Spring Vale and the time ten o'clock, Tuesday after the 4th Sabbath in October next.

The following brethren were excused: J. A. Henier, W. J. Jordan, John Dale, W. B. McLendon, W. H. Trippe, J. J. Johnson, J. E. Oliver, J. F. Dawson, C. B. George, R. T. Sharman, E. R. Ward, R. C. Poole, F. C. Stephens.

Dismissed with benediction by Dr. Nunnally.

THURSDAY—A. M. SESSION.

In the absence of the Moderator, Bro. Z. T. Weaver opened the exercises by reading the 23d Psalm. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Knowles. Read and adopted the record of yesterday.

Welcomed Rev. H. R. Bernard as agent of Mercer University.

Appointed the hour of eleven o'clock to hear Bro. Bernard.

Received the report of the Committee on Missions. After remarks by J. W. Martin, Dr. Nunnally and J. I. D. Miller it was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report:--

We think that the spirit of missions is on the increase among us. We are proud of the Home and Foreign Journal and part of the Index is devoted to this work.

We are taught that the "Son of Man must be lifted up, that whosoever believeth on him might have everlasting life." We long to see the day when every man and woman that claims the name of Christ will do what they are able for the spread of the Gospel; or to lift him up before a lost world. We are glad

that our hearts are full of pluck and energy and we pray God, the great head, that we may have a concert of action throughout all of our Baptist Zion. We have before us, in the divine word, the way and plan by which we should give. If we expect the blessings of God upon us we must give to missions.

J. W. MARTIN, Chairman.

Received the report of the special committee on the Digest of the Letters and the State of the Churches, as follows:

On the examination of the letters, we find that the encouraging features compare favorably with last year, except missionary contributions, which is to be very much regretted, it being short last year compared to previous years. This, however, we trust is due more to a lack of material prosperity than of spirituality. We find that the Sunday school and prayermeeting work compares favorably with last year, there being reported twenty-seven Sunday schools and seventeen prayermeetings out of thirty-eight letters. Your committee trust and pray that all of our churches may put forth greater efforts and that they may be more signally blest another year.

A good many of the churches report good meetings during the year with a good many accessions to their membership, which is especially encouraging, which would signify that they enjoy great peace and prosperity among themselves.

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. S. KNOWLES, Chairman.

After remarks by J. W. Martin and R. B. Taylor it was adopted.

Received the report of the Executive Committee. Ordered it spread on the minutes.

Your Committee beg leave to report that in the discharge of our duties, 1st, we have taken a good and sufficient bond from our Treasurer, F. M. Bledsoe, in the sum of \$1000; 2nd, we ordered the treasurer to pay over to Dr. Gibson the amount of the undesignated fund left over at the last session of your body; 3d, at a meeting held Aug. 25, '97, we authorized the colporteur to reduce the price on the balance of the original stock of books in his hands, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %, they being damaged by handling; 4th, we find on investigating the work of Bro. Miller for the past year that he has, in the interest of this work,

Traveled miles.....	510
Visited families.....	50
Talked to individuals.....	65
Made public addresses.....	15
Distributed tracts (pages).....	1,100
Donated books of original stock.....	\$12.00
Sold books of original stock.....	\$35.00
and reinvested same in new stock.	
Sold in new books.....	\$120.00
Stock of books now on hand belonging to the colporteur work (tracts not included)	\$66.05

1st. We recommend that Bro. Miller, the Colporteur, be paid at the rate of \$100 per annum for all time in which he was not engaged in the management of his newspaper business, which was nine months.

2nd. We recommend that the rule or law of your body requiring the treasurer to give bond be abolished.

3d. We recommend that your body carefully consider the propriety of employing a colporteur on a salary for the present, as we believe, after investigation, that it is not profitable for the Association to do so.

T. MOODY, }
B. W. ELLIS, } Com.
N. T. SPIVEY, }

Suspended the regular order of business for further consideration of the report. Moved to adopt the first recommendation of the report. Moved to commit this matter to a committee of three to confer with Bro. Miller and settle the whole matter. A committee consisting of D. W. Hammock, H. L. Crumbley and J. N. Massey was appointed.

Excused R. F. Castellow, J. H. Corley, J. W. Sears, G. W. Varner, J. S. Knowles, W. O. Beard, W. H. Johnson, R. C. Harris, J. M. Anglin and Leslie Anglin.

THURSDAY—P. M. SESSION.

Bro. J. H. Corley led in prayer.

On motion all speeches were limited to five minutes.

Read the second recommendation of the Executive Committee. Moved and carried that we do not adopt the recommendation.

Read the third recommendation. Moved to refer the matter to the Executive Committee with instructions to employ a Colporteur upon the merits of the work.

Excused T. J. Methvin, E. J. Hobbs, W. E. Gay, Jr., D. M. Davidson, A. H. Teel, J. Beasley.

Received and adopted the report of the Committee on Nominations, as follows:

To the BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.—Brethren—Your committee beg leave to make the following nominations:

1st. Bro. H. L. Crumbley to preach the next introductory sermon; alternate, Z. T. Weaver.

2nd. Bro. J. S. Knowles to preach the missionary sermon; alternate, J. H. Corley.

3d. Messengers to the state convention—F. M. Bledsoe, B. W. Ellis, I. A. Martin, J. E. Paullin, J. S. Knowles, I. B. Manry, E. Z. F. Golden, A. J. Jones, J. W. Martin, N. T. Spivey, J. W. Stanford, W. T. Hammock, A. C. Wellons, W. D. Hammock and J. E. Mansfield.

4th. Members of Executive Committee—Terrell Moody, B. W. Ellis, N. T. Spivey.

5th. Board of Trustees of Bethel College—E. Z. F. Golden, B. W. Ellis, W. W. Binion, F. M. Bledsoe, J. W. Stanford, N. T. Spivey, Z. T. Weaver, T. Moody, J. S. Knowles, W. D. Hammock, J. C. Martin, I. B. Manry, J. E. Martin, W. Z. T. Bridges, L. A. Duggan, E. H. Lee, W. S. Curry, J. W. Martin, J. W. Harris, O. J. Herman, J. H. Manry, H. L. Crumbley, J. W. Sauls and Henry Turner.

6th. Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention—E. Z. F. Golden.

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. HAMMOCK,
A. D. INGRAHAM,
WM. FORD.

Received the finance report and spread on the minutes as follows:

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

For Minutes.....	\$ 37 75
For Associational purposes.....	25 75
State Missions.....	320 51
Home Missions.....	158 28
Foreign Missions.....	187 35
Indigent Ministers.....	57 73
Mercer University.....	33 50
Orphans Home.....	31 10
Muse Colportage Fund.....	9 00
Previously sent up.....	529 18
Public collection So. Female College, Lagrange.....	35 80
Public collection not directed.....	10 90

Grand total \$1 436 85

Respectfully submitted, J. M. TAYLOR, { Com.
W. Z. T. BRIDGES, }

Received the Auditor's report and spread on the minutes as follows:

Your Auditing Committee beg to report that we have audited the Treasurer's report and find same correct. This being the only matter referred to us.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. STANFORD.

Elected Bro. F. M. Bledsoe Treasurer by acclamation.

By motion any brother from this Association attending another Association shall be considered a correspondent.

Appointed standing committees as follows:

On Education—J. G. Corley, E. H. Clark, S. M. Patrick.

On Obituaries—J. T. Bynum, W. B. McLendon, H. F. Melton.

On Sunday Schools—L. D. Martin, T. J. Methvin, J. J. Johnson.

On Missions—Z. T. Weaver, J. H. Harris, A. H. Teel.

On Temperance—R. C. Poole, S. M. Free, C. J. Culbreth.

Excused I. L. Balkcom, T. A. Mashburn and J. T. Roberts.

Received the report of the special Committee on the Colporteur work as follows:

Your Committee, after seriously considering the report of the Executive Committee, in regard to colporteur work done by Bro. J. I. D. Miller for the Bethel Association during the year 1897, agree with said Committee and believe that Bro. Miller should be paid twenty-five dollars, for three months' work.

Respectfully,
D. W. HAMMOCK,
H. L. CRUMBLEY,
J. N. MASSEY.

When the report came in the Moderator ruled that it was debatable. An appeal was made and the body sustained the appeal.

The following resolution was offered by J. W. Stanford:

Resolved, That each church in the Bethel Association, through their pastors and messengers present, pledge themselves to take a collection for, and send it to, Mercer University during December.

Excused C. J. Joiner and W. A. Manry.

Received the report on Temperance as follows:

We, the Committee on Temperance, beg to report that we are glad to feel that temperance is on an upward tendency. Dram shops are not so popular as they were only a few years ago. An encouraging feature is, our young men are becoming more and more firmly set against the evil of visiting and drinking in the saloons. It is a lamentable fact that many of the men who became tiplers in their young days are still keeping up the old habit of visiting dram shops and billiard rooms. A more lamentable fact is that some of these men are among our church members. We recognize that this question must be approached with a deal of care from the pulpit but we recommend the preaching against the use of spirituous liquors as a beverage and the visiting of billiard saloons. Nothing helps us more than education, therefore let us as a denomination educate by precept and example.

Respectfully submitted, J. I. D. MILLER.

Ordered it spread on the minutes.

E. H. Lee offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Bethel Association, extend to the Rehobeth church and community our thanks for their kind hospitality toward us during our session.

Took a collection for Bro. Charles A. Hepburn of \$4.30, and a collection by pledges for Bro. J. H. Corley.

Excused J. C. Camp, E. J. Hobbs, B. E. Joiner, Wm. Ragau, G. R. Watson, J. E. Mansfield, Robert Smith and J. E. Collier.

Read and adopted the minutes.

Called the roll. Sang "God be with you till we meet again," and extended the parting hand. Bro. W. Z. T. Bridges led in prayer. Dismissed with benediction by the Moderator.

REV. E. Z. F. GOLDEN, D. D., Moderator.

L. A. DUGGAN, Clerk.



APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association, and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members or fractional part thereof, after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This association shall have no right to legislate for the churches, nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will be only an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot or otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the association.

7. He shall see that brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject, or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall have no voice in determining questions, except in case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it, when required, and shall print and distribute the minutes among the several churches belonging to the association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall, from time to time, appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the association, give security to the chairman of the executive committee and his successors in office for the same, and pay these out as the association, through her executive committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the association for each fiscal year.

11. The association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the association upon motion and second and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled as messengers are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This constitution and rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of three members chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of this body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual minutes the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter.

ART. 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from this holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through faith in the Son of God.

ART. 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

ART. 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART. 8. We believe in the "perseverance of the saints;" that all those who are truly regenerated and born again will ultimately be saved in heaven; that a special providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons.

ART. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper.

ART. 11. We believe that Communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and have been legally baptized.

ART. 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. OFFICES.
Arlington.....	Calhoun	A. C. Wellons...	S. T. Nance.....	Arlington. ..
Bethel.....	Clay	J. E. Dikes.....	J. C. Camp.....	Womack.
Benevolence...	Randolph	M. B. L. Binion.	O. A. Harris....	Benevolence..
Beulah.....	Early	J. G. Corley....	J. L. Kelley....	Cedar Spr'gs.
Blakely	Early	H. L. Crumbley.	H. B. Buchanan	Blakely
Bluffton.....	Clay	J. I. D. Miller..	J. S. Haisten...	Bluffton.....
Coleman	Randolph	J. H. Corley....	J. J. Hammock..	Coleman
Colomokee	Early	J. G. Corley....	C. M. Kenney..	Blakely.
Cuthbert.....	Randolph	E. Z. F. Golden.	T. F. Moody....	Cuthbert.....
Damascus.....	Early	Z. T. Weaver...	S. N. Carswell..	Damascus. ..
Damascus.....	Randolph	J. S. Knowles...	J. F. Peak.....	Cuthbert.....
Dover.....	Terrell.....	J. S. Knowles...	W. P. Collier...	Dover.
Elim.....	Calhoun	J. W. Sauls.....	J. B. Parham...	Shellman
Enon	Quitman	Wm. H. Norton.	I. L. Balkcom..	Georgetown .
Enterprise.....	Clay	J. E. Dikes.....	E. W. Richardson	Bluffton.....
Ft. Gaines.....	Clay	H. L. Crumbley.	E. A. Greene....	Ft. Gaines....
Friendship	Randolph	J. W. Martin...	W. M. Fairecloth	Shellman.....
Georgetown	Quitman	W. N. Reeves...	F. M. Bledsoe..	Georgetown .
Herod.....	Terrell.....	J. G. Corley....	W. L. Mathews..	Herod... ..
Hillside.....	Early	R. C. Poole....	Sam Taylor....	Arlington ...
Hilton.....	Early	J. L. Pate.....	J. M. Anglin...	Hilton Stat'n
Leary.....	Calhoun.	R. C. Poole....	C. B. George....	Leary.....
Lebanon.....	Terrell.....	John Martin...	R. J. Grier.....	Sasser
Midway.....	Clay.....	J. I. D. Miller..	T. J. Methvin..	Georgetown .
Milford.....	Baker.....	R. C. Poole....	J. T. Warren...	Milford
Morgan.....	Calhoun	Z. T. Weaver...	C. B. Weaver ..	Morgan
Mt. Giliad.....	Clay	W. D. Hammock	J. E. Lindsay...	Ft. Gaines. ..
Mt. Hebron.....	Miller.....	.....	W. B. Shepherd	Colquitt
Mt. Hebron.....	Randolph.	J. G. Corley....	G. R. Swan.....	Grubbs
Mt. Vernon.....	Clay	J. I. D. Miller..	J. B. Wiles.....	Ft. Gaines. ..
Mt. Zion.....	Clay.....	J. I. D. Miller..	W. T. Hammock	Bluffton
New Bethel....	Randolph.	M. B. L. Binion	S. W. Manry....	Bethel.....
New Hope.....	Early	J. W. Martin...	S. L. Houston..	Dozier
Pine View.....	Early	W. O. Crumbley	J. Q. Scarborough	Blakely.....
Rehobeth.....	Randolph.	J. G. Corley....	M. E. Tison....	Shellman
Salem	Calhoun	J. S. Knowles...	W. A. Manry...	Edison.....
Shellman	Randolph.	Z. T. Weaver...	J. N. Watts.....	Shellman
Shiloh	Clay.....	J. H. Corley....	L. O. Shivers...	Cotton Hill..
Spring Vale....	Randolph.	Z. T. Weaver...	E. H. Lee.....	Spring Vale .
Villulah	Randolph	J. W. Martin...	B. E. Joiner....	Coleman

TABLE.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	No. of Members.	Days of Meeting.
C. Camp.....	3	3		3		1	60	4
R. Ward, John Dale, O. A. Harris, J. E. Coram..	4	3	1	5		1	102	1
Beasley, H. B. Buchanan, R. Brown, R. Castellow	17	6	8	8	4	1	114	2 4
E. Mansfield and A. D. Ingraham.....		11		18	2	2	80	1
S. Knowles and D. W. Hammock.....							78	
G Corley, W H Trippe, W J Jordan, J E Oliver..	3	25		21	3		127	4
Golden, Stanford, Bridges, Clark and Duggan.....	32	17	1	9		3	197	1 2 3 4
R C Poole.....	1						12	
Wm Ford, S L Garland and J E Henier.....	7		2	12	1		127	2
S M Patrick, W P Collier, F C Stephens.....	2	7		13	3		70	3
T J Beard, J B Parham, W E Knighton, W Johnson	4	2	1	6	2	1	80	3
L Balkcom, W F Moore, T G Pinkston, J Roberts	11			7	1	1	103	1
H L Crumbley and J H Corley.....	1	4		10			65	1
J F Bynum, H B Collins.....	11	6		2	2	2	153	1 3
J F Bynum, H B Collins.....	14	6	2	4		1	100	2
F M Bledsoe, Wm McLendon, Davidson, Mashtburn	19	5	2	2		2	83	1 3
H F Melton, J H McLendon and G R Watson..	8	6	2	11	5		84	2
J J Culbreth.....	8				1		23	3
J M Anglin and Leslie Anglin.....	2	2		3	7	3	22	2
C B George.....				2		2	40	4
G W Varner and J W Sears.....	2	2	1	6			51	1
T J Methvin, W E Gay, Jr. and E J Hobbs.....	5		2	3			43	3
R T Sharman.....	13	5	2		3	1	53	2
C B Weaver and T J Tinsley.....	3	3		7		1	83	2
J J Johnson.....	1		1		1		60	2
L M Free and J A Rooks.....								
J W Martin, J W Sauls and L D Martin.....	2	7	7	14	2	2	166	1
W O Beard.....	6	3		13			65	4
D R Stewart, J M Taylor and W H Ferguson.....	6	4		8	1	2	145	3
B R Houston.....	7			9	5	1	119	4
W D Hay and T E Fort.....	9	10			7	1	56	1
M E Tison, J E Ianier and E F Sanders.....	10	6	1	1		1	110	3
C G Joiner, W A Manry, J B Turner, G W Tanner.	9	6	1	12		2	149	4
Z T Weaver.....	3	5				1	67	2 4
Robert Smith.....	1	2				4	85	
E H Lee, J N Massey and A H Teel.....				6		1	69	3
B E Joiner, R C Harris, J J Dawson, Wm Ragan..	1	4	1	9	4	1	116	3
	225	165	35	251	55	38	3286	

Associational * Church * Letter.

The.....Baptist Church at.....
County, Ga., to the Bethel Baptist Association, greeting:

We send as our messengers,.....

Alternates,.....

Our statistics are as follows:

Received by Baptism.....	Dismissed by Letter.....
Received by Letter.....	Excluded.....
Restored.....	Dead.....
No. Female members.....	No. Male members.....

Total,

Days of Meeting.....

We send the following Funds:

For Minutes,	\$.....
For Associational Funds,	.....
For State Missions,	.....
For Home Missions,	.....
For Foreign Missions,	.....
For Muse Colportage Fund,	.....
For Indigent Ministers,	.....
For Mercer University,	.....
Bethel College,	.....
Orphan Home,	.....
Previously Sent Up,	.....
Pastor.....	P. O.....
Church Clerk.....	P. O.....

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Superintendent.....	P. O.....
Number of Teachers.....	
Number of Pupils.....	

REMARKS:

NOTE.--Contributions, except cash, from Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies, etc., should be included in item Previously Sent Up.

REGULATION SCHEDULE.

ASSOCIATIONS.	SEC- T'NS.											
	JAN'Y.	FEB'Y.	M'CH.	AP'L.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Coosa, Chattooga, Floyd Co., Gordon Co., N. Ga., Salem, Coosawattee.	A	M. U.	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn
Mountain-Town, Ellijay, Jasper, Notla River, Hiawasee, N. Union, Morgant'n	B	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.
Polk Co., Mid. Cherokee, Noondag, Har- mony, Tallapoosa, P. Valley, N. Hope,	C	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn
Hightower, Chatahoochee, Roswell, Lawrenceville, Clarksville, Chestatee,	D	I. M.	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn
Mountain United, Tugalo, Hebron, Mulberry, Liberty, Appalachee.	E	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.
Carollton, Concord, Fairburn, Western, Central Western, Bethlehem.	F	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn
Stone Mountain, South River, Second Georgia, Centennial.	G	O. H.	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn
Central, Georgia, Washington, Sarepta.	H	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.
Rehobeth, Houston, Columbus, Pine Mountain, Flint River, Mallary.	I	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn
Summer Hill, Bethel, Bowen, Friend- ship, Tucker, S. Western, Mercer.	J	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn
Mell, Lit. River, N. Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Mt. Vernon, Daniel, Middle, Hepzibah.	K	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.
Consolation, Piedmont, Miller, Homer- ville, Smyrna. N. Sunberry, Bapt Union	L	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn

EXPLANATION:

Observe as to abbreviations.—M. U., Mercer University; Mssn, Missions; M. E., Ministerial Education; I. M., Indigent Ministers; O. H., Orphans' Home.

FINANCIAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Missions. State	Missions. Home
Arlington.....	Calhoun.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 3 35
Benevolence....	Randolph.....	1 50	1 00	24 60	.....
Spring Vale....	Randolph.....	75	75	10 00	10 00
Bethel.....	Clay.....	75	75	4 85	.....
Beulah.....	Early.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blakely.....	Early.....	1 50	1 00	13 13	.....
Bluffton.....	Clay.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....
Cuthbert.....	Randolph.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....
Coleman.....	Randolph.....	1 00	1 00	4 00	4 00
Colomokee.....	Early.....	1 00	50	13 00	15 00
Herod.....	Terrell.....	1 50	50	5 00	5 00
Damascus.....	Randolph.....	1 00	75	2 86	1 50
Dover.....	Terrell.....	1 00	1 00	.....	5 10
Elim.....	Calhoun.....	75	75	.....	1 75
Enon.....	Quitman.....	1 00	50	16 70	16 65
Enterprise.....	Clay.....	50	50	4 00	.....
Ft. Gaines.....	Clay.....	1 50	.....	10 00	10 00
Friendship.....	Randolph.....	1 50	1 00	5 00	5 00
Georgetown.....	Quitman.....	1 00	50	14 05	14 13
Hilton.....	Early.....	50	50	4 00	.....
Leary.....	Calhoun.....	50	.....	2 00	2 00
Mt. Hebron.....	Randolph.....	1 50	50	10 00	5 00
Mt. Giliad.....	Clay.....	50	50	1 00	1 00
Mt. Vernon.....	Clay.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	Clay.....	1 00	1 00	8 10	.....
New Bethel.....	Randolph.....	2 00	1 50	21 00	20 65
New Hope.....	Early.....	1 50	50	2 00	2 00
Rehobeth.....	Randolph.....	1 00	1 00	6 45	.....
Salem.....	Calhoun.....	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00
Shellman.....	Randolph.....	1 00	1 00	85 57	.....
Shiloh.....	Clay.....	50	50	16 40	.....
Villulah.....	Randolph.....	1 50	1 00	5 00	5 00
Lebanon.....	Terrell.....	75	75	5 55	5 55
Midway.....	Clay.....	50	1 00	.....	3 36
Milford.....	Baker.....	50	.....	50	1 00
Morgan.....	Calhoun.....	1 00	1 00	9 35	9 35
Pine View.....	Early.....	75	50	1 20	1 14
Damascus.....	Early.....	50	.....	.....	5 00
Mt. Hebron.....	Miller.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Hillside.....	Early.....	50	.....	.....	75
Long Branch Sabbath School.....	.....	.....	.....	4 20	.....
Ga. Baptist Orphan's Home.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Public Collection not Directed..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern F. College, LaGrange..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Mount Vernon Church.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
For Rev. Chas. A. Hepburn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total,.....		\$37 75	\$25 75	\$ 320 51	\$ 158 28

TABLE.

Foreign Missions.	Indigent	Ministers.	University.	Home.	College.	Muse Colport- age Fund.	Previously Sent Up.	Total Amount.
4 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	13 35
10 00	4 30	5 00	5 00					27 10
								45 80
								6 35
	5 08						33 77	54 48
9 00			1 00					12 00
							322 04	325 04
4 00	4 00	2 50			4 00			24 50
	15 00		4 50					51 00
7 00			2 15					21 15
1 00	50							7 61
5 00		10 00				16 96		29 06
3 76			25			5 00		12 26
16 65	2 60		2 50			3 75		70 35
								5 00
13 50	10 00		5 00					50 00
8 10	2 00	2 00	2 00			4 00		50 60
14 13	2 00	2 00	2 00		5 00	23 10		77 91
								5 00
2 50	1 00	2 00	2 85			10 35		23 20
5 00	2 75							24 75
1 00	1 00							5 00
						2 30		12 40
21 00						27 50		23 65
2 00			1 35			4 00		18 50
								8 45
6 85	5 00					8 70		32 55
		10 00				40 00		137 57
								17 40
5 00	2 50		2 50			5 00		27 50
37 40								50 00
						21 46		26 32
1 16						1 25		4 41
9 30								30 00
								3 59
								5 50
								50
								1 25
								4 20
								77 95
								10 91
								35 80
								12 15
								4 30
\$ 187 35	\$ 57 75	\$ 33 50	\$ 31 10	\$	\$ 9 00	\$ 529 18	\$	1,488 84

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. Z. F. Golden, D. D., Cuthbert, Ga.
J. L. Underwood, Camilla, Ga.
H. L. Crumbley, Cuthbert, Ga.
Jack Pate, Bluffton, Ga.
J. W. Martin, Urbs, Ga.
W. D. Hammock, Coleman, Ga.
J. W. Nichols, Coleman, Ga.
J. H. Corley, Ft. Gaines, Ga.
Charles Hepburn, Ft. Gaines, Ga.
W. O. Crumbley, Ft. Gaines, Ga.
R. A. J. Powell, Shellman, Ga.
C. H. Knighton, Shellman, Ga.
Z. T. Weaver, Shellman, Ga.
John Martin, Bethel, Ga.
A. C. Wellons, Arlington, Ga.
J. J. King, Blakely, Ga.
J. G. Corley, Blakely, Ga.
J. I. D. Miller, Cuthbert, Ga.
J. W. Sauls, Lodrick, Ga.
J. E. Dikes, Damascus, Ga.
J. A. Rooks, Colquitt, Ga.
R. C. Pool, Damascus, Ga.
J. S. Knowles, Coleman, Ga.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt an Order of Business for Present Session.
4. Hear Application for Membership.
5. Fix the Hours for Meeting and Adjourning.
6. Appoint Committees to Report at the Present Session, namely: (1) On Preaching; (2) on Finance; (3) on Auditing; (4) on Digest of Letters from the Churches and State of the Churches; (5) on Nominations; (to Preach Introductory and Mission Sermons at Next Session, Delegates to the State Convention, Messengers to S. Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College and Executive Committee.)
7. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational Enterprises and Visitors.
8. Hear the Report of the Treasurer.
9. Hear the Report of the Executive Committee.
10. Hear the Report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
11. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) On Missions; (2) on Sunday Schools; (3) on Temperance; (4) on Education.
(5) On Obituaries; (6) on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches; (7) on Nominations; (8) on Finance; (9) Auditing Committee.
12. Elect Treasurer.
13. Appoint Correspondents.
14. Fix the Time and Place of Holding next Session.
15. Appoint Committees to Report next Session: (1) On Missions; (2) on Temperance; (3) on Sunday Schools; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries.
16. Call for Applications for Dismissions.
17. Arrange for Printing the Minutes and for the Clerk's Fee.
18. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Spring Vale Baptist Church, Randolph County, Ga., October
25th, 26th, and 27th, 1898.

OFFICERS.

REV. E. Z. F. GOLDEN, D.D.....MODERATOR.
BRO. L. A. DUGGAN.....CLERK.
DR. F. M. BLEDSOR.....TREASURER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BRO. T. MOODY, BRO. B. W. ELLIS, BRO. N. T. SPIVEY.

Next Session Meets with Vilulab Church Randolph County, Ga., on Tuesday after
the 4th Sunday in October, 1899.

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MINUTES.

SPRING VALE, GA., Oct. 25, 1898.

The Bethel Baptist Association met for its sixty-sixth session with this church, and heard the Introductory Sermon from Rev. H. L. Crumbley; subject, "New Testament Churches."

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body met at 1:30 o'clock, and after Scripture reading by Dr. Golden, was led in prayer by Brother W. W. Arnold.

Called and corrected the roll.

Rev. E. Z. F. Golden, D.D., was re-elected Moderator, and Brother L. A. Duggan Clerk, by acclamation.

Adopted the Order of Business of the last session, with the addition, as the fourth item of business, to read the letters from the churches.

Brethren Weaver, Arnold and Crumbley were appointed to read the letters.

The churches at Fort Gaines, Vilulah and New Bethel applied for the next session of the Association.

Appointed as the hours of meeting, 9 o'clock A. M. and 1:30 P. M., and the hours of adjourning, 10:50 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Appointed the following committees to report at present session:

1. On Preaching—The pastor and messengers of Spring Vale church, with Brother I. B. Manry and Brother W. H. Ferguson.

2. On Finance—D. R. Stewart, C. P. Payne and T. J. Methvin.

3. Auditor—J. E. Paullin.

4. On Digest of Letters and State of the Churches—H. L. Crumbley, W. S. Keese, J. W. Sears, J. W. Stanford and R. C. Poole.

5. On Nominations—D. W. Hammock, A. H. Teal and R. B. Martin.

Welcomed the following as correspondents: From Summer Hill Association, Rev. W. W. Mabry, Rev. W. W. Arnold, and Brethren J. E. Lunsford, T. J. Orr and Rev. W. D. Joiner; from Mallary Association, Brother T. M. Coram. Representing Denominational enterprises, Rev. James F. Edens, for the Christian Index, the Mission Boards and other things; Rev. E. Z. F. Golden, representing the State Mission Board, the Sunday-school Board of Nashville and the Baptist Mirror.

Heard the report of the Treasurer, and referred it to the Auditor.

Heard the report of the Executive Committee, and deferred action until Wednesday at 10 o'clock A. M.

Suspended the regular order of business to hear Brother Edens concerning the Index, and then adjourned.

Preaching at night by W. W. Mabry, Eph. 4: 13; subject, "Christian Development."

WEDNESDAY—FORENOON SESSION.

After Scripture reading by the Moderator, the assembly was led in prayer by Brother W. W. Mabry.

Welcomed as correspondents from the Summer Hill Association, Rev. A. B. Hawkes and Rev. A. L. Blizzard; from Friendship Association, Rev. R. A. Morgan, Rev. M. B. L. Binion; also, Dr. G. A. Nunnally, representing the State and Home Mission Boards, the Baptist Orphans' Home, Mercer University, and the Southern Female College of LaGrange.

Made the report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel College the special order for 2 o'clock.

Received the report of the Committee on Missions as follows:

The word "missions" is a very broad-meaning term, but as understood by Christians, it signifies the spread of the Gospel in destitute places by the churches. The time to discuss the propriety or scripturalness of missions is past. The only thing now left us to do is to determine the best way and means of doing the work. All missions are really the same, but for convenience sake and only to facilitate the work, we, as the Baptist denomination in the South, have divided the subject into Foreign, Home and State Missions.

Each one of these departments is controlled by a Board, consisting of a Corresponding Secretary and such other officers as may be necessary to successful organization. The Foreign Mission Board is located in Richmond, Va. Dr. R. J. Willingham is the Corresponding Secretary, and has under his supervision the entire work of the foreign fields—that is, in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan.

In all these fields the work among the heathen has been blessed as far as could be expected. Papal fields are the hardest. The Board collected and disbursed about \$125,000, and for the first time in a number of years, was comparatively out of debt in May last at the Southern Baptist Convention at Norfolk, Virginia.

The Home Board has its quarters in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. I. T. Tichenor is the Corresponding Secretary. He has under his charge the destitute sections within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. Some of our States are strong, but the most of them are weak; so the strong must help bear the burdens of the weak, and right heroically the strong States, such as Georgia, Virginia, Kentucky and South Carolina have done a fine work through the Home Board.

Lastly, we come to the work of the State Board. The State of Georgia is specially dear to all of us, since we are bound to her by so many ties of blood and interest. We specially commend this department of our work to the care and support of all our churches. Dr. J. G. Gibson is the Corresponding Secretary, with his office in Atlanta.

Georgia Baptists are a very strong, intelligent body of Christians, and as such are amply able to care for our every interest. Under the State Board is the care of several denominational enterprises, such as the Orphan's Home, the Aged Ministers' Fund, the care of the colored people, and the supplying of destitute places in our State with the Gospel.

The names of the employees of the Board and the amounts they receive will be found in the full report of the State Board, recently published in the *Mirror* and *Index*. Copies of said report have also been published and sent to ministers over the State. We believe in the organized agencies of our churches, and would urge the prudence of co-operating with them in the Master's work.

Our people are becoming more and more missionary in spirit, and some of the churches, despite the great stringency of money matters, have increased their contributions during the last associational year.

The liberality of the churches can be largely increased by a zealous and consecrated ministry. The Master says go; our duty lies in obedience to his command. Let us urge the churches to the full development of their capacity to give. There never was such an open door set before Baptists as at the present day. Some one asked an English officer how long it would take to carry one of Queen Victoria's commands to every nation. His reply was, About eighteen

months." England's voice is potent to her sons. Baptists have been working now these eighteen centuries, and yet a large part of the world has never heard of us. It is high time to hustle up.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. T. WEAVER,
J. H. HARRIS,
A. H. TEAL,
Committee.

After discussion by Dr. Nunnally, Dr. Edens and Rev. Z. T. Weaver, the report was adopted.

Read two more church letters.

On account of the absence of Bro. L. D. Martin, chairman of the Committee on Sabbath-schools, Brother J. W. Martin was asked to take his place and make a report later.

Received the report of the auditor, as follows, and ordered it, with the Treasurer's report, spread on the minutes.

F. M. BLEDSOE, TREASURER,

In Account with Bethel Baptist Association,

1897

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Oct. 28.	To Cash on hand.....	\$ 12 50
	To Finance Committee.....	882 32
	To Mt. Vernon Association.....	12 65

\$907 47

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By Cash sent Dr. J. G. Gibson, State Board.....	\$320 51
By Cash sent L. T. Tichenor, Home Board.....	153 28
By Cash sent R. J. Willingham, Foreign Board.....	187 35
By Cash sent Dr. J. G. Gibson, Indigent Ministers.....	57 73
By Cash sent Dr. J. G. Gibson, Mercer University.....	33 50
By Cash sent Dr. J. G. Gibson, Orphans' Home.....	31 10
By Cash sent J. I. D. Miller, Agent Muncie Colporter Work	25 00
Cash sent J. G. Gibson, Home and Foreign Board.....	27 50
By Cash sent L. A. Duggan, Clerk.....	65 00
By Balance on hand.....	1 50

\$907 47

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. BLEDSOE

The within account has been examined and found correct.

Oct. 26, 1898.

J. E. PAULLIN, Auditor.

Re-elected Bro. F. M. Bledsoe, Treasurer, by acclamation.

Ordered, that any member from our Association is authorized to present himself as a correspondent, at any corresponding association. On motion the vote for the place of meeting was taken, rising. Vio-lah church was selected as the place, and the time as usual—11 o'clock, Tuesday, after the 4th Sunday in October, 1899.

Adjourned to hear the Missionary Sermon by Bro. J. S. Knowles, from Romans 10:17.

After preaching a public collection was taken for Missions of \$13.91.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was opened with prayer by Bro. A. L. Blizard.
Took up the report of the Executive Committee, and adopted it, after revision.

To the Bethel Association:—Dear Brethren—Your Executive Committee beg leave to report:

1st. The Treasurer reported \$46.50 on hand, with no instruction how to dispose of it, and referred the matter to us. We ordered that he pay to Bro. J. I. D. Miller \$16.00, balance due him on salary, as colporter. The remaining \$30.50 we ordered sent to Dr. J. G. Gibson, to be divided between the mission boards, as he saw fit.

2nd. We originally turned over to Bro. J. I. D. Miller, colporter, 189 books. We have received from him 108 books, which we have in our possession. The remaining 81 books have not been turned over to us. We have received no cash from this source. We have made no effort to secure the services of a colporter for the past year. Respectfully submitted,

T. MOODY,
B. W. ELLIS,
N. T. SPIVEY,
Committee.

Excused Brethren J. I. D. Miller and George Elliot. Received and adopted the report of the Committee on Temperance, as follows:

We, the Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report the following:
Temperance is growing rapidly, the drinking saloons are giving way, as religious culture develops our churches. It is a lamentable truth that intemperance has blighted the minds of many of our young men, and turned them in the paths of degradation, from which they have never recovered. While all preaching should be a deadly foe to intemperance, yet we should inculcate these principles in our children around the fireside and in the Sabbath-schools.
Respectfully submitted,

R. C. POOL.

Received and adopted the following report of the Committee on Nominations:

Your Committee offer the following nominations:

1st. Brother J. G. Corley to preach the next Introductory Sermon. Alternate, J. W. Martin.

2nd. Brother Z. T. Weaver to preach the Missionary Sermon. Alternate, Brother W. O. Crumbley.

3rd. Messenger to State Convention—Brethren J. E. Paullin, F. M. Bledsoe, W. D. Hammock, A. J. Jones, W. T. Davis, C. W. Martin, J. W. Stanford, E. Z. F. Golden, Z. T. Weaver, J. S. Knowles, J. I. D. Miller, J. G. Corley, D. B. Short, W. H. Powell and W. J. Jordan.

4th. Executive Committee—Terrell Moody, B. W. Ellis and N. T. Spivey.

5th. Board of Trustees of Bethel College—Jos. N. Stanford, B. W. Ellis, W. Binion, F. M. Bledsoe, J. W. Stanford, N. T. Spivey, Z. T. Weaver, T. Moody, J. S. Knowles, W. D. Hammock, J. C. Martin, I. B. Manry, J. E. Martin, W. Z. T. Bridges, L. A. Duggan, E. H. Lee, W. S. Curry, J. W. Martin, J. W. Harris, O. J. Herman, J. H. Manry, H. L. Crumbley, J. W. Sauls and Henry Turner.

6th. Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention—H. L. Crumbley.

D. W. HAMMOCK,
R. B. MARTIN,
A. H. TEEL,
Committee.

Received and adopted the report on Obituaries, as follows:

We are grieved to report the death of Brother R. A. J. Powell. He died on the 1st of April, 1898. He was a faithful minister, and died in the full hope of an eternal reward.

W. B. McCLENDON,
H. F. MELTON,
Committee.

The following standing committees were appointed:

On Education—J. S. Knowles, J. H. Manry, J. S. Moore, G. T. Collier, J. W. Watson, G. M. Cherry and W. F. Davis.

On Obituaries—I. L. Balkcom, W. S. Keese, Wm. Ford, J. L. Cumbie, J. O. Morris, W. H. Ferguson, R. B. Martin.

On Sunday-schools—J. W. Stanford, Wade H. Powell, J. E. Mansfield, R. C. Pool, N. L. Mathis, S. A. Lindsay, John Griffith.

On Missions—F. M. Bledsoe, H. F. Melton, J. M. Culbreth, L. D. Wright, R. T. Hardy, J. B. Turner and R. A. Lindsay.

On Temperance—John Martin, J. W. Sears, T. J. Methvin, O. A. Harris, W. H. Johnson, B. F. Pierce and M. J. Veasy.

Brethren L. D. Wright, J. S. Harris and J. M. Wright were excused.

Received the report of Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College, as follows:

To the Bethel Association:—The Board of Trustees of Bethel College beg leave to make the following report:

We find 1st. That there has been an increase in the number of boarders of 50%, and in the number of students 10%. There being enrolled during the last scholastic year 110 boys and young men, of which 23 were boarders.

2nd. That the health of the student body has been exceptionally good.

3rd. That the buildings are in good repair, with a few minor exceptions. That all expenses for repairs, etc., have been paid, and there are no debts of any kind standing against the college.

4th. That the military department is in the best condition. All equipments being taken up, and more could be profitably used.

5th. That the following new features have been added since our last report: A well equipped gymnasium, the gift of the faculty and students; a feature we commend, as one of great importance to the college, and especially to the boarders. A library for the free use of the students, which we believe will be of great benefit for them, and should receive the encouragement it deserves.

6th. That additions are needed to the boarding house, as there are now about as many boarders as can be comfortably accommodated, and should the number increase of course more room will be an absolute necessity. Also, that the college building needs some new seats in the auditorium, and some desks for the students. We hope that the Association will take such steps as will enable us to make these much needed additions and improvements.

7th. That the faculty, consisting of President A. J. Clark, Professor E. H. Clark and Miss Leta Slade, have proven themselves well worthy of the confidence reposed in them, and have fully sustained themselves in the management of all the affairs of our beloved college.

Therefore, in consideration of these facts, we recommend

1st. That the library be encouraged by individual donations of books, etc., by the Baptists everywhere, and that the membership of our Association be requested to give the matter all the publicity its importance demands.

2nd. That the Association institute what shall be called Bethel College Day, at which time a collection shall be taken for the especial purpose of improving and adding to the college property.

3rd. That our membership be especially requested to encourage the college by giving it the patronage it so justly merits, feeling, as we do, that boys and young men cannot find a safer home or better institution of learning than with our Brother Clark and his estimable family, and the present faculty.

Affectionately submitted,
B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

E. Z. F. GOLDEN, Chairman.

After speeches by Brethren A. J. Clark, E. Z. F. Golden, Z. T. Weaver, J. I. D. Miller and J. W. Martin, a collection was taken of \$25.60, in cash and subscription, to buy a tellurian globe, and the report was adopted.

There being no report on Education, the following resolutions were offered by Brother E. Z. F. Golden :

Resolved 1st. That in Mercer University we recognize the blessing and responsibility of a great heritage from our fathers.

2nd. That, under God, Mercer University is a right arm of power for the future usefulness of Georgia Baptists.

3rd. That it is our duty to contribute regularly to the maintenance of Mercer, believing that in this way we are carrying out the great commission.

4th. That we urge upon the churches of this Association the duty of making a contribution to the support of the institution, at least once a year, as per schedule printed in our minutes.

5th. That we send our boys to Mercer, when possible, and that we secure for her the largest possible patronage.

6th. That we make our own Bethel a feeder to our denominational college.

7th. That we do not forget that the Monroe Female College is now our property, and should be treated as such.

After stirring speeches by Brethren Golden, Edens and Miller, the resolutions were adopted.

Brother J. O. Morris was excused.

The session was then adjourned.

Brother W. W. Arnold preached at night.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Scripture reading by Brother J. S. Knowles, prayer by Brother L. A. Duggan.

The following brethren were excused : J. W. Stanford, A. H. Callo-way, B. F. Pierce, E. R. Shaw, W. H. Johnson and Homer Hall.

Received and adopted the report on Sunday-schools, as follows :

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report :

The Lord commands us to search the Scriptures, "For in them ye think ye have eternal life." We believe that the All-wise has given us the Sabbath day for the purpose of associating ourselves together and to teach and be taught. We are glad to know that most of our churches are following the example that Christ gave us, when it is said that he taught every Sabbath.

The Lord has blessed us with offspring, and, no doubt, holds us accountable for the proper training of their minds and hearts. We regard the Sunday school as being one of the greatest factors in the great work for the Master. May God hasten the day when every church will be alive to this work.

JOHN W. MARTIN.

Directed that the Clerk have the minutes printed, and have as his fee the amount sent for that purpose.

Received and adopted the report of the Finance Committee and ordered it spread on the minutes.

Your Finance Committee's Report :

For Minutes.....	\$ 33 55
For Associational purposes.....	23 00
For State Missions.....	141 75
For Home Missions.....	167 95

For Foreign Missions.....	\$133 10
For Indigent Ministers.....	69 75
For Mercer University.....	24 07
For Orphans' Home.....	70 29
For Rev. J. H. Corley.....	5 55
Previously sent up.....	548 25
Public collection, Bethel College.....	17 10
Public collection, not directed.....	12 76

Grand total

\$1,247 12

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. STEWART,
C. P. PAYNE,
J. T. METHVIN.

Not handed to Finance Committee.

Pine View Church.....	\$ 5 66
Damascus Church.....	14 00
Took a collection for Pine View Church.....	5 66

The Association appointed Brother J. H. Corley as evangelist, and agreed to pay him a salary of \$200.

Welcomed Brother Thos. F. Jones of the Eufaula Association.

Authorized the Executive Committee to make such arrangements in regard to the colportage work as they see fit.

Heard and adopted the report of Committee on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches, as follows:

Your Committee has examined the church letters, and believe we have sufficient cause for gratitude and encouragement.

We note with much pleasure improvement along some lines. More Sabbath-schools and as many prayer meetings as were reported last year. We find that many of our churches have been graciously revived during the year. Harmony seems to prevail among them. Our missionary contributions compare favorably with last year. We recommend that extra efforts be put forth by all our churches on missionary and educational lines during the next association year, for our advancement depends largely upon this. May the Lord continue to prosper us. Respectfully submitted,

H. L. CRUMBLEY,
J. W. SEARS,
R. C. POOL.

Passed a resolution of thanks to the Spring Vale church and community for their generous hospitality.

Brother J. W. Martin offered a resolution of thanks to the Moderator and Clerk.

Took a collection to buy seats for the church at Damascus, Early county, amounting to \$14.00.

Excused Brethren T. J. Tinsley, W. J. Jordan.

Instructed the Executive Committee to look after the case of Brother Charles Hepburn, an indigent minister.

Adjourned with the parting hand, and prayer by Brother John Martin.

E. Z. F. GOLDEN, Moderator.

L. A. DUGGAN, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association, and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.
2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches, nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.
3. It will be only an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them, and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.
4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot or otherwise.
5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.
6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.
7. He shall see that brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject, or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.
8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall have no voice in determining questions, except in case of a tie.
9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it, when required, and shall print and distribute the minutes among the several churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall, from time to time, appropriate to that purpose.
10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successors in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association, through her Executive Committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.
11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.
12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.
13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.
14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled as messengers are present.
15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.
16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.
17. This constitution and rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of three members chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of this body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual minutes the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter.

ART. 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from this holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

ART. 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the Gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

ART. 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART. 8. We believe in the "perseverance of the saints;" that all those who are truly regenerated and born again will ultimately be saved in heaven; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons.

ART. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper.

ART. 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and have been legally baptized.

ART. 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
Arlington.....	Calhoun.....	J. I. D. Miller..	S. T. Nance.....	Arlington.. ..
Bethel.....	Clay.....	J. E. Dikes.....	J. C. Camp.....	Womack
Benevolence ..	Randolph	M. B. L. Binion	O. A. Harris....	Benevolence .
Benlah.....	Early	J. G. Corley.....	J. L. Kelley.....	Cedar Spr'gs.
Blakely.....	Early	H. L. Crumbley	H. B. Buchanan	Blakely
Bluffton.....	Clay.....	J. I. D. Miller..	J. S. Haisten...	Bluffton.....
Coleman.....	Randolph.....	J. H. Corley....	A. J. Jones.....	Coleman
Colomokee.....	Early	J. G. Corley....	C. M. Kenney...	Blakely.....
Cuthbert.....	Randolph	E. Z. F. Golden.	T. F. Moody.....	Cuthbert.....
Damascus	Early	R. C. Pool.....	J. N. Evans.....	Damascus....
Damascus.....	Randolph	J. S. Knowles..	J. T. Peak.....	Cuthbert.....
Dover.....	Terrell	J. S. Knowles..	W. P. Collier...	Doverel.....
Elim.....	Calhoun.....	W. D. Hammock	J. B. Parham...	Knighton....
Enon.....	Quitman	J. S. Knowles..	I. L. Balkcom..	Georgetown .
Enterprise.....	Clay.....	J. E. Dikes.....	E. W. Richardson	Moye.....
Fort Gaines....	Clay.....	H. L. Crumbley	T. J. Morris....	Fort Gaines..
Friendship.....	Randolph	J. W. Martin...	W. M. Faircloth	Vernal.....
Georgetown ..	Quitman	J. I. D. Miller..	F. M. Bledsoe..	Georgetown .
Herod.....	Terrell.....	J. G. Corley....	W. L. Mathews..	Herod
Hillside.....	Early	J. E. Dikes.....	S. Taylor.....	Arlington ...
Hilton.....	Early	J. L. Pate.....	H. H. Odum.....	Hilton
Leary.....	Calhoun.....	R. C. Pool.....	C. B. George...	Leary.....
Lebanon.....	Terrell.....	J. W. Martin...	R. J. Grier.....	Sasser.....
Midway.....	Clay.....	J. I. D. Miller..	T. J. Methvin...	Georgetown..
Milford.....	Baker.....	R. C. Pool.....	J. J. Warren...	Milford.....
Morgan.....	Calhoun.....	Z. T. Weaver...	C. B. Weaver...	Morgan.....
Mt. Giliad.....	Clay.....	J. L. Pate.....	J. B. Goodman..	Fort Gaines..
Mt. Hebron.....	Miller.....	W. O. Crumbley	W. B. Shepherd	Colquitt.....
Mt. Hebron.....	Randolph	J. G. Corley....	G. R. Swan.....	Grubbs.....
Mt. Vernon.....	Clay.....	J. S. Knowles..	J. E. Wiles.....	Zetto.....
Mt. Zion.....	Clay.....	W. D. Hammock	Oscar Beard....	Blakely.....
New Bethel.....	Randolph	M. B. L. Binion	S. W. Manry...	Bethel.....
New Hope.....	Early	J. W. Martin...	S. L. Houston...	Fitzhugh
Pine View.....	Early	W. O. Crumbley	J. Q. Scarborough	Blakely.....
Rehobeth.....	Randolph	J. G. Corley....	A. H. Calloway..	Shellman.....
Salem.....	Calhoun.....	J. S. Knowles..	W. A. Manry...	Edison.....
Shellman.....	Randolph	Z. T. Weaver...	C. P. Payne.....	Shellman.....
Shiloh.....	Clay.....	J. H. Corley....	L. O. Shivers...	Cotton Hill..
Spring Vale....	Randolph	Z. T. Weaver...	E. H. Lee.....	Spring Vale..
Vilulah.....	Randolph	J. W. Martin...	B. E. Joiner....	Coleman.....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	No. of Members.	Days of Meeting.
J. I. D. Miller.....	7	8	..	7	..	..	68	4
.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	3
J. E. Coram.....	1	..	..	8	1	1	92	1
.....	2	8	..	..	1	..	30	..
R. W. Brown, C. E. Morse and W. H. Powell.....	5	5	2	2	..	1	118	2
A. D. Ingraham.....	3	1	..	..	..	..	71	1
J. S. Knowles and D. W. Hammock.....	..	2	..	6	1	1	70	1 3
.....	2	4	1	12	3	..	119	4
E. Z. F. Golden, L. A. Duggan, J. W., J. N. Stanford.	21	16	..	17	1	1	196	1 2 3 4
R. C. Pool.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1
Wm. Ford.....	1	2	..	4	..	..	122	2
L. D. Wright, J. S. Harris and J. M. Wright.....	4	3	1	8	1	2	71	1
Homer Hall and W. H. Johnson.....	4	..	1	2	..	..	84	3
T. G. Pinkston, J. M. Oliver and I. L. Balkcom.....	1	..	..	6	..	1	92	1
J. S. Moore and J. H. T. McKinnon.....	7	7	..	2	2	..	72	1
H. L. Crumbley.....	31	2	2	8	..	1	156	1 3
J. L. Cumbie.....	4	1	1	11	8	1	87	2
F. M. Bledsoe, W. B. McClendon, T. A. Mashburn..	..	2	..	1	..	2	82	3
H. T. Melton.....	3	1	1	11	4	3	84	2
J. M. Culbreth, Bob Rice and Linton Tison.....	11	14	2	1	..	..	50	4
J. O. Morris.....	2	3	1	5	2	1	21	2
.....	1	2	..	7	..	..	35	4
J. W. Sears.....	1	5	1	2	1	1	54	1
W. E. Gay, Jr., T. J. Methvin and J. W. Boyett.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	2
J E, N L Mathis, A W Hawk, T A Daniel, T J Tinsley	85	8	4	6	1	1	107	2
.....	3	3	2	4	1	..	62	3
L. M. Free and R. F. Hardy.....	..	..	..	3	..	..	46	3
J. W. Martin, J. Grubbs and R. T. Watson.....	5	3	2	6	..	2	169	1
B. F. Pearce and E. R. Shaw.....	7	5	1	6	..	..	64	3
W. F. Davis.....	4	1	1	6	..	..	75	3
John Martin, D. R. Stewart and W. S. Curry.....	10	4	1	7	1	2	151	3
S. A. Lindsey and J. T. George.....	6	9	1	6	5	..	125	4
S. F. Sullivan and J. B. Turner.....	4	6	1	4	2	1	60	1
A. H. Calloway, M. E. Tison and W. H. Veasy.....	6	11	..	8	..	..	110	3
J B Turner, G T Collier, G Amos, J S Elliot, I B Manry	9	10	2	5	..	1	165	4
R. B. Martin, Z. T. Weaver and C. P. Payne.....	13	6	..	..	..	1	78	2 4
John Griffith.....	..	1	..	2	..	2	75	4
J. W. Cumbie, J. N. Masee, E. H. Lee and A. H. Teel	3	6	1	4	1	..	83	1
R. A. Lindsey, J. T. McFather and A. J. Blackburn.	14	4	4	3	1	3	114	3
	230	162	34	200	40	29	3394	

ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCH LETTER.

The Baptist Church at
County, Ga., to the Bethel Baptist Association, greeting:

We send as our messengers,.....
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Alternates,.....
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Our statistics are as follows:

Received by Baptism.....	Dismissed by Letter.....
Received by Letter.....	Excluded.....
Restored.....	Dead.....
No. Female Members.....	No. Male Members.....

Total,
Days of Meeting.....

We send the following Funds:	
For Minutes,	\$.....
For Associational Funds,	.....
For State Missions,	.....
For Home Missions,	.....
For Foreign Missions,	.....
For Muse Celportage Fund,	.....
For Indigent Ministers,	.....
For Mercer University,	.....
Bethel College,	.....
Orphan Home,	.....
Previously Sent Up,	.....
Pastor.....	P. O.....
Church Clerk.....	P. O.....

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Superintendent.....	P. O.....
Number of Teachers.....	
Number of Pupils.....	

REMARKS:
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NOTE.—Contributions, except cash from Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies, etc., should be included in item Previously Sent Up.

REGULATION SCHEDULE.

ASSOCIATIONS.	SEC- T'NS :	JAN'Y :	FEB'Y :	M'CH :	AP'L :	MAY :	JUNE :	JULY :	AUG :	SEPT :	OCT :	NOV :	DEC :
Coosa, Chattooga, Floyd Co., Gordon Co., N. Ga., Salem, Coosawattee.	A :	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn
Mountain Town, Ellijay, Jasper, Notla River, Hiawasse, N. Union, Morgant'n	B :	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.
Polk Co., Mid. Cherokee, Noonday, Har- mony, Tallapoosa, P. Valley, N. Hope.	C :	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn
Hightower, Chattahoochee, Roswell, Lawrenceville, Clarksville, Chestatee.	D :	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn
Mountain United, Tugalo, Hebron, Mulberry, Liberty, Appalachee,	E :	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.
Carrollton, Concord, Fairburn, Western, Central Western, Bethlehem.	F :	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn
Stone Mountain, South River, Second Georgia, Centennial.	G :	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn
Central, Georgia, Washington, Sarepta.	H :	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.
Rehobeth, Houston, Columbus, Pine Mountain, Flint River, Mallary.	I :	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn
Summer Hml, Bethel, Bowen, Friend- ship, Tucker, S. Western, Mercer.	J :	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn
Mell, Lit. River, N. Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Mt. Vernon, Daniel, Middle, Hephzibah.	K :	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.
Consolation, Piedmont, Miller, Homer- ville, Smyrna, N. Sunberry, Bap't Union	L :	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn

EXPLANATIONS :

Observe as to abbreviations.—M. U., Mercer University; Mssn, Missions; M. E., Ministerial Education; I. M., Indigent Ministers; O. H., Orphans' Home.

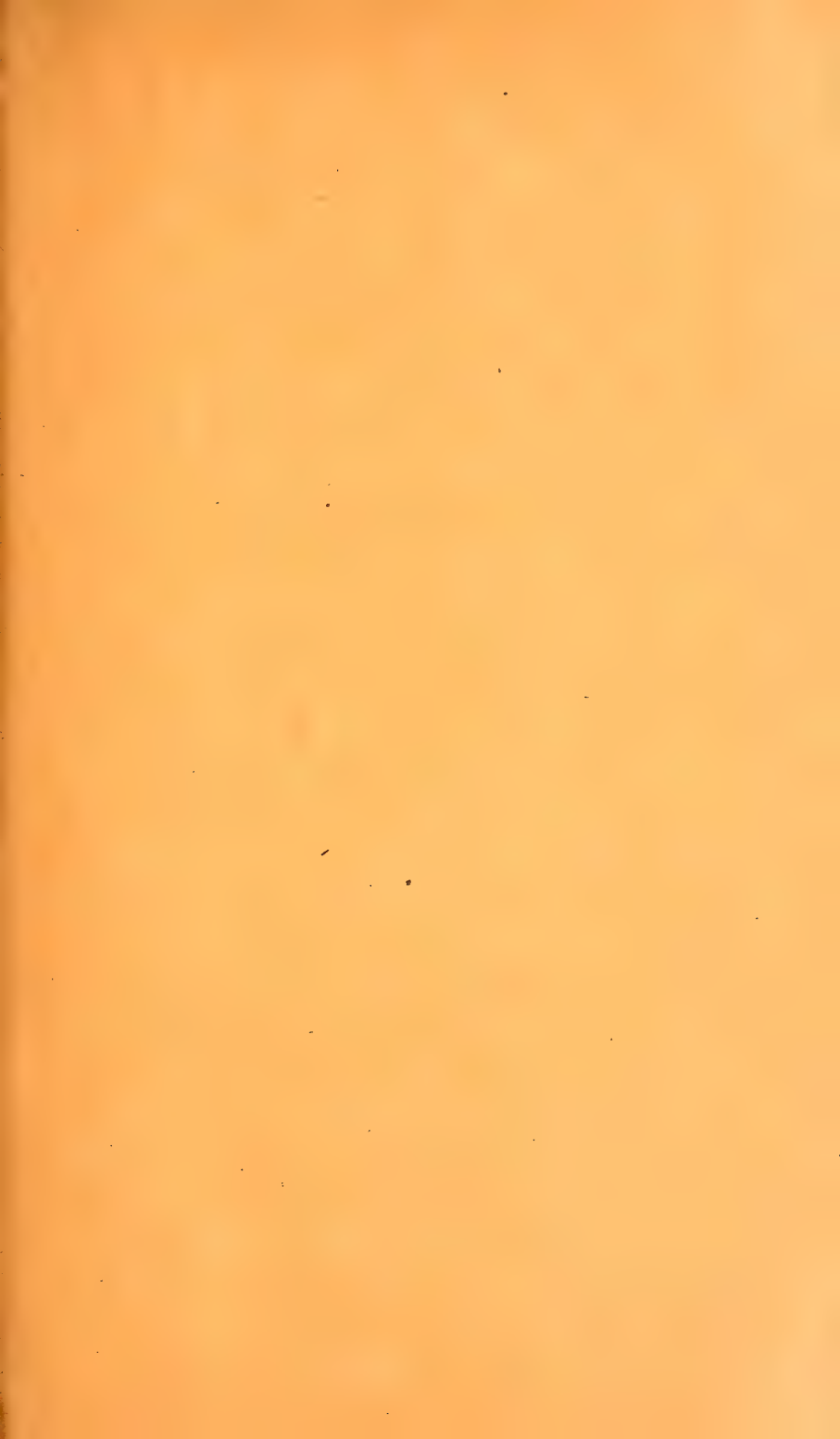
FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	State Missions.	Home Missions.
Arlington.....	Calhoun.....	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 5 35	\$ 5 35
Benevolence...	Randolph.....	1 00	1 00	7 00	7 00
Spring Vale....	Randolph.....	75	75	7 00	7 00
Bethel.....	Clay.....	50	50	.....	1 55
Beulah.....	Early.....	50	50	4 00	4 00
Blakely.....	Early.....	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00
Bluffton.....	Clay.....	50	50	2 00	5 20
Cuthbert.....	Randolph.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....
Coleman.....	Randolph.....	1 00	.....	5 00	5 00
Colomokee.....	Early.....	1 00	50	7 75	12 70
Herod.....	Terrell.....	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00
Damascus.....	Randolph.....	50	50	1 00	1 00
Dover.....	Terrell.....	1 00	1 00	3 00	3 00
Elim.....	Calhoun.....	75	50	2 00	7 00
Enon.....	Quitman.....	75	50	2 00	4 00
Enterprise.....	Clay.....	50	.....	1 00	50
Fort Gaines....	Clay.....	1 00	.....	5 00	10 00
Friendship.....	Randolph.....	75	1 00	.....	.....
Georgetown....	Quitman.....	75	.....	7 70	7 70
Hilton.....	Early.....	50	.....	.....	2 00
Leary.....	Calhoun.....	50	50	2 00	.....
Mt. Hebron....	Randolph.....	1 50	1 00	5 00	5 00
Mt. Giliad....	Clay.....	50	50	1 05	.....
Mt. Vernon....	Clay.....	50	50	3 00	3 00
Mt. Zion.....	Clay.....	1 00	50	.....	5 00
New Bethel....	Randolph.....	1 50	1 00	10 00	10 00
Rehobeth.....	Randolph.....	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 50
Salem.....	Calhoun.....	1 00	1 00	2 50	4 00
Shellman.....	Randolph.....	1 00	1 00	20 00	20 00
Shiloh.....	Clay.....	1 00	.....	1 50	1 50
Vilulah.....	Randolph.....	1 50	1 00	5 00	5 00
Lebanon.....	Terrell.....	75	75	5 00	5 00
Midway.....	Clay.....	25	50	.....	.....
Milford.....	Baker.....	75	.....	50	50
Morgan.....	Calhoun.....	1 00	1 00	6 35	6 35
Pine View.....	Early.....	75	50	1 40	1 40
Damascus.....	Early.....	50	50	2 65	.....
Mt. Hebron....	Miller.....	50	.....	3 50	3 50
Hillside.....	Early.....	80	50	1 00	1 00
New Hope.....	Early.....	1 00	50	.....	2 20
		\$33 55	\$23 00	\$141 75	\$167 95

FINANCIAL TABLE.

For. Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Mercer University.	Orphan Home.	Colportage Fund.	Previously Sent Up.	Total.	Total Cash Received.
\$ 5 30		\$ 5 25	\$ 21 12			\$ 43 37	\$ 43 37
7 00		3 55			\$ 56 95	83 50	26 55
7 00	2 50		5 00		27 50	57 50	30 00
						2 55	2 55
			1 50			10 50	10 50
5 00	2 50		2 00		53 52	21 50	21 50
2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00			14 20	14 20
					101 29	104 29	3 00
5 00	5 00	2 15	2 50			25 65	25 65
7 70	7 95					37 60	37 60
2 00	5 00	1 00	2 70			22 70	22 70
1 00	1 00		55			5 55	5 55
3 00	3 00				2 10	16 10	14 00
1 40	1 00	1 00	2 00		2 06	17 71	15 65
4 00		1 00	1 00			13 25	13 25
50						2 50	2 50
10 00	8 00		6 50		55 00	95 50	40 50
			4 87			6 62	6 62
7 70	1 00	1 00	1 00		45 45	72 30	26 85
2 00	1 50		50			6 50	6 50
2 00		1 50	1 55		12 95	21 00	8 05
5 00	5 20					22 70	22 70
					2 50	4 55	2 05
3 00						10 00	10 00
	4 00		4 00			14 50	14 50
10 00	10 00	5 00	5 40		42 28	95 18	52 90
1 50	50					7 00	7 00
4 00	3 00				4 60	20 10	15 50
15 00	4 60				99 00	160 60	61 60
1 50	50					6 00	6 00
5 00			3 00				20 50
5 00	2 50		1 40			20 40	20 40
	2 05	1 62	1 20		26 40	32 02	5 62
55					2 80	5 10	2 30
6 30						21 00	21 00
1 45						5 50	5 50
					10 45	14 10	3 65
			50		3 40	11 40	8 00
						3 40	3 30
2 20	2 50					8 40	8 40
\$133 10	\$75 35	\$24 07	\$70 29		\$548 25		\$668 01
Previously Sent Up.....							548 25
Public Collection not directed.....							13 76
Public Collection for Bethel College.....							17 10
* Grand Total.....							\$1,247 12

Not delivered to Finance Committee—Public collection for Damascus church, \$14.00; public collection for Pine View church, \$5.65.



LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- 6. E. Z. F. Golden, D.D., Cuthbert, Ga.
- 7. H. L. Crumbley, Cuthbert, Ga.
- 8. Jack Pate, Bluffton, Ga.
- 9. J. W. Martin, Urbs, Ga.
- 10. W. D. Hammock, Coleman, Ga.
- 11. J. W. Nichols, Coleman, Ga.
- 12. J. H. Corley, Fort Gaines, Ga.
- 13. Charles Hepburn, Fort Gaines, Ga.
- 14. W. O. Crumbley, Fort Gaines, Ga.
- 15. C. H. Knighton, Shellman, Ga.
- 16. Z. T. Weaver, Shellman, Ga.
- 17. John Martin, Bethel, Ga.
- 18. A. C. Wellons, Arlington, Ga.
- 19. J. J. King, Blakely, Ga.
- 20. J. G. Corley, Blakely, Ga.
- 21. J. I. D. Miller, Coleman, Ga.
- 22. J. W. Sauls, Lodrick, Ga.
- 23. J. E. Dikes, Damascus, Ga.
- 24. J. A. Rooks, Colquitt, Ga.
- 25. R. C. Pool, Damascus, Ga.
- 26. J. S. Knowles, Coleman, Ga.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt an Order of Business for present Session.
4. Read the Church Letters.
5. Hear Application for Membership.
6. Fix the Hours for Meeting and Adjourning.
7. Appoint Committees to report at the present Session, namely: (1) On Preaching; (2) on Finance; (3) on Auditing; (4) on Digest of Letters from the Churches and State of the Churches; (5) on Nominations; (to Preach Introductory and Mission Sermons at next Session, Delegates to the State Convention, Messengers to So. Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College and Executive Committee.)
8. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational Enterprises, and Visitors.
9. Hear the Report of the Treasurer.
10. Hear the Report of the Executive Committee.
11. Hear the Report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
12. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) On Missions; (2) on Sunday-schools; (3) on Temperance; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries; (6) on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches; (7) on Nominations; (8) on Finance; (9) Auditing Committee.
13. Elect Treasurer.
14. Appoint Correspondents.
15. Fix the Time and Place of Holding next Session.
16. Appoint Committees to Report next Session: (1) On Missions; (2) on Temperance; (3) on Sunday-schools; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries.
17. Call for Applications for Dismissions.
18. Arrange for Printing the Minutes and for the Clerk's Fee.
19. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Vilulah Baptist Church, Randolph County, Ga., October
24th, 25th, and 26th, 1899.

OFFICERS.

REV. WM. H. PATTERSON, D. D.....MODERATOR.
BRO. L. A. DUGGAN.....CLERK.
DR. F. M. BLEDSE.....TREASURER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BRO. T. F. MOODY, BRO. B. W. ELLIS, BRO. N. T. SPIVEY.

Next Session Meets with Lebanon Church, at Sasser, Terrell County, Ga., on
Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1900.

MINUTES.

VILULAH CHURCH, Oct. 24th, 1899.

The Bethel Baptist Association met for its sixty-seventh session in Vilulah church, and after a prayer service led by Rev. Wm. H. Norton, listened to the introductory sermon by Rev. J. G. Corley, on Acts 1:1.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at half-past one o'clock, and after a song and reading of the 1st Psalm by Rev. E. Z. F. Golden, was led in prayer by Rev. W. D. Hammock.

Called and corrected the roll, and proceeded to organize by electing a Moderator and Clerk. Rev. W. H. Patterson, D. D., was elected Moderator by acclamation, and Bro. L. A. Duggan was re-elected Clerk in the same way.

Adopted the Order of Business as printed in the last minutes.

Collected and read the letters from the churches. The letters were read by Brethren J. W. Stanford and Z. T. Weaver.

The following churches invited the next session of the body: Colquhoun, Ft. Gaines, Lebanon and Morgan.

Received by letter from the Bowen Association the Bethany church in Baker county.

Agreed to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. and 1:30 p. m., and to adjourn at 4 p. m. and at will in the afternoon.

The following committees were appointed to report at the present session:

On Preaching—The Pastor and Messengers of Vilulah church, together with Brethren W. Z. T. Bridges and J. B. Hobbs.

On Finance—Brethren J. M. Taylor, T. J. Methvin and E. H. Lee.

Digest of Letters and the State of the Churches—Rev. Z. T. Norton, H. F. Melton, J. C. Price, J. B. Goodman and A. C. Sutton.

Editor—J. E. Paullin.

Nomination—A. H. Teal, J. W. Martin, J. T. Pettigrew.

Welcomed the following correspondents: From the Friendship Association—Revs. R. A. Morgan and M. B. L. Binion and A. E. Jones; from the Summer Hill Association—Rev. M. Page and John Lunsford; from the Southwestern Association—C. E. Jones; from the Rehoboth Association—Rev. Wm. H. Norton.

Welcomed as visitors: From Bethel College—Bro. E. H. Clark; from the Christian Index—Dr. James F. Edens, of Atlanta; for the African Baptist Publication Society—Dr. Harvey Hatcher; Bro. A. Nunnally as Corresponding Secretary of the Georgia Baptist Educational Society and President of Southern Female College, Grange, Ga.; Dr. S. Y. Jameson, Corresponding Secretary of

State Mission Board; Rev. E. Z. F. Golden, D. D., representing the Baptist Mirror.

Made the report on Missions the special order for 9:45 o'clock tomorrow morning. Bro. T. A. Mashburn was excused.

Received the report of the Executive Committee, and ordered it spread on the minutes as follows:

To the Bethel Association:—Dear Brethren—Your Executive Committee beg leave to report:

Your committee at last association reported that they had originally turned over to Rev. J. I. D. Miller, colporteur, 189 books, and that he had returned 108. Since then he has returned 12, making 120 in our possession. We find in the list of 189 books that 54 of them were tracts, making 15 books that were sold and given away, which amounted to \$23 50; of this amount he has given away \$12.00 worth, which we approve, and has turned over to your committee \$11.50 in cash, which we have on hand.

The Association appointed Bro. J. H. Corley as evangelist, and agreed to pay him a salary of \$200. Also instructed committee to look after Bro. Chas. Hepburn, an indigent minister. Your committee, with this end in view, made the following assessments on the various churches of the Association, prorated from amounts sent up at last Association for all purposes, with request that amounts be sent quarterly to meet these obligations.

Arlington church, \$11; Bethel church, \$1; Benevolence church, \$21; Beulah church, \$3; Blakely church, \$20; Bluffton church, \$6; Coleman church, \$10; Colomokee church, \$10; Cuthbert church, \$25; Damascus church at Damascus, \$4; Damascus church, \$3; Dover church, \$4; Elim church, \$4; Enon church, \$4; Enterprise church, \$2; Friendship church, \$3; Ft. Gaines church, \$25; Georgetown church, \$20; Herod church, \$6; Hillside church, \$1.60; Hilton church, \$2; Leary church, \$6; Lebanon church, \$6; Midway church, \$8; Milford church, \$2; Morgan church, \$6; Mt. Giliad church, \$2; Mt. Hebron church, Colquitt county, \$3; Mt. Hebron church, Randolph county, \$6; Mt. Vernon church, \$3; Mt. Zion church, \$4; New Hope church, \$2.40; New Bethel church, \$25; Pine View church, \$2; Rehoboth church, \$4; Salem church, \$6; Shellman church, \$25; Shiloh church, \$2; Spring Vale church, \$15; Vilulah church, \$6.

We have received amounts named below from the following churches:

Benevolence	\$ 8 90	Mt. Giliad	1 00
Coleman	2 50	Mt. Hebron, Miller county	50
Colomokee	2 50	Mt. Zion	1 00
Damascus, Early county	3 75	New Hope	2 40
Damascus, Randolph county	1 50	New Bethel	10 75
Elim	1 25	Pine View	1 00
Friendship	1 50	Rehoboth	1 40
Fort Gaines	18 75	Salem	6 00
Herod	6 00	Shellman	3 00
Leary	1 50	Shiloh	50
Lebanon	6 00	Spring Vale	12 00
Milford	1 50	Vilulah	1 50
Morgan	1 50		

Making a total received.....\$98 20

We have paid the following:

To Postal Cards	65
To 1 Ledger	25
To J. H. Corley	87 30
To Chas. Hepburn	10 00

\$98 20

Making balance due Bro. J. H. Corley \$112.70.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOODY,
B. W. ELLIS,
N. T. SPIVEX.

Bro. J. H. Corley expressed his profound gratitude for the consideration shown him.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College was read as follows:

To the Bethel Association:—The Board of Trustees of Bethel College beg leave to make the following report:

We find 1st: That there were enrolled during the scholastic year ending June 1st, 110 pupils, of whom 32 came from outside of the local patronage.

2d. That the health of the student body has been and is exceptionally good.

3d. That during this year two large rooms have been added to the boarding house, and verandas have been built at the upper and lower stories, the entire front of the building. The same has been recovered, and a new coat of paint has been put on the entire outside of the building. These improvements and repairs cost \$450, of which \$300 has been paid, leaving a debt of \$150, which amount has been prorated among the churches, and they asked to contribute the same.

4th. The College is in splendid running condition, with the same faculty as last year, except that Mrs. E. H. Clark has succeeded Miss Leta Slade in the Primary department.

5th. The library is still increasing, and is fast becoming a marked feature of the College.

6th. That if the College continues to grow, which we believe is bound to be the case, the demand for enlargement and repairs will continue; and with this view, we again ask the Association to adopt a "Bethel College Day," at which time our membership is requested to contribute to the fund to be used for the especial purpose of repairing and improving the College property.

7th. We call especial attention to the Free Scholarship now offered by Mercer University.

Again, in closing our report, we especially request our membership to encourage the College by supporting it, contributing to its support, and giving it their patronage whenever it is possible for them to do so, feeling as we do that boys and young men cannot find a safer home or a better institution of learning than with our Brother Clark and his estimable family and the present faculty.

Affectionately submitted,

B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

Pending remarks by Brethren E. H. Clark, Z. T. Weayer, D. W. Hammock and J. I. D. Miller, the Association adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

The following appointments to preach were read out: Dr. S. Y. Jameson to preach at Vilulah to-night, and Dr. James F. Edens at Coleman; Dr. G. A. Nunnally at school house Wednesday morning.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. O. Crumbley.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at nine o'clock. After singing and scripture reading, was led in prayer by Bro. W. O. Crumbley.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Brethren W. J. Jordan and Wm. B. McClendon were excused.

Called and corrected the roll.

Welcomed the following correspondents: From the Mallary Association—A. J. Roper; from the Friendship Association—Rev. J. H. Carpenter.

Bro. J. I. D. Miller continued his remarks, interrupted by the adjournment yesterday afternoon. The report was adopted.

Bro. D. W. Hammock moved that a committee of three be appointed to take charge of Bethel College property and advertise it for sale, and, at the college on December 1st, 1899, to sell the entire property for cash at public auction, pay all legal debts, the balance to be forwarded to Mercer University. The motion was laid on the table.

Received the report of the Treasurer, as follows:

F. M. BLEDSOE, Treasurer,
In Account with Bethel Association.

Dr.

To Cash from Finance Committee.....	\$698 87
To Amount not handed by Committee.....	25 32
	<hr/> \$724 19

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By Cash sent J. G. Gibson, State Missions.....	\$141 75
By Cash sent I. T. Tichenor, Home Missions.....	167 95
By Cash sent R. J. Willingham, Foreign Missions.....	133 10
By Cash for Indigent Ministers, per J. G. Gibson.....	69 75
By Cash for Orphans' Home, per J. G. Gibson.....	70 29
By Cash for Mercer University.....	24 07
By Cash to L. A. Duggan, Secretary.....	56 55
By Cash sent J. G. Gibson, State, Home & Foreign Board	11 92
By Cash to J. H. Corley.....	5 55
By Cash to G. A. Nunnally, Education.....	43 26
	<hr/> \$724 19

Respectfully submitted.

It was referred to the auditor.

Examined and found correct.

J. E. PAULLIN, Auditor.

The report of the Executive Committee was amended by adding the amount of \$11.46, handed to Bro. Corley personally. Agreed to pay to Bro. Corley the amount of \$11.50 received from the colportage fund.

The hour having arrived for the report on Missions, Dr. F. M. Bledsoe made the following report:

We, your Committee appointed to report on Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

We congratulate the Baptists of the Southern Baptist convention on their success in securing the services of three such eminent and well known men as the present Secretaries of the State, Home and Foreign Mission Boards. We well know that our great improvements in missionary success within the past ten or twelve years has been largely due to the methods of the great leaders in charge of the work; and now with such men as Willingham, Kerfoot and Jameson in charge, may we not hope for a great advance all along the lines?

The opportunities for successful missionary enterprises have never been greater than now, and the great call, "come over and help us," has never been so loudly proclaimed; and the fact that what was done on Calvary, was done for the whole world, was never more constantly emphasized. The Master said on a great occasion, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." On another he said, "If you love me keep my commandments." If we believe and desire to obey, what is the great duty before us to-day?

Your committee believes that duty to be an effort to increase the efficiency of our mission enterprises, and how we of the Bethel Association may best do our part, is the great work before us.

We desire to recommend to the consideration of the churches and pastors the organizations of the Woman's Missionary Societies and Baptist Young People's Unions, one or both in every church—one in every small church and both in every large church, especially those that have preachers in their membership.

The Woman's Missionary Society came knocking at the door of the Southern Baptist Convention nine or ten years ago, with thirty-two members. The convention let them go to work as an experiment, many members disapproving; but to-day they are a power for good, and the money raised by them is many thousand dollars.

And the Baptist Young People's Union of America is a power in the land that proposes to educate and organize the young people and young church members into effective workers in the Master's cause, with the training that will enable them to give a reason for their faith at all times, and to meet the arguments of those Christians, half infidel and half anti-missionary, who are ready to say the "Lord's" work will be done in converting the world without our help.

Let us pray for more activity and zeal in our work, and never stop until every church member is a contributor to missions.

Respectfully submitted, F. M. BLEDSOE, Chairman.

After stirring speeches by Brethren S. Y. Jameson and R. A. Morgan, the report was adopted.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read as follows:

The Sunday-school has been called the "nursery of the church." If you would have strong, healthy, well developed men and women, morally, mentally and physically, look well to rules and regulations governing the nursery department of the home. To allow a child that is not sufficiently matured in mind, and therefore does not know any better, to be fed on improper food, or food improperly prepared, or at an unseasonable time, or in an unwholesome way, is but to dwarf the proper development of the child and either kill or destroy its healthfulness, happiness and usefulness. So it is with the nursery of the church—the Sunday-school. The children that are brought into that department for proper training, for healthful, useful Christian service in the church and world, should have the greatest care and attention.

It is therefore necessary that the greatest care be taken, so that the spiritual food dished out Sunday after Sunday to these children and young people be properly prepared by a week's study with the best helps possible to be obtained at any cost, and seasoned with meditation and prayer by day and by night. Spiritual food thus prepared is then ready to be served on Sunday in the church nursery, giving to the "babes" the "milk" and to the "men and women in Christ" the "strong meat of the word." Some one may ask: "How can a Sunday-school be organized and conducted on this plan?" Easy enough, if the church is of one mind—to know and to do the Master's will. The first thing to be done for the church is to select the right man for superintendent, one whom God has called to lead in such work, and not one who seeks the position or is pushed forward by some friend or relative, to secure for him the honors of the office at the sacrifice of the cause. First know that he is fully qualified in heart and mind, a success in the management of his own affairs, then you can rest assured that such a superintendent will make the Sunday-school a success. It is his duty to thoroughly prepare and present, or have presented, the leading thoughts in the lesson each Sunday, that they may be thoroughly fixed upon the minds of the children. If he is unable to do this himself and unwilling that others should do so, and attempts to cover up his inability by turning the Sunday-school into a singing school, then he should be removed, that the cause may not suffer by his incompetency. Such honor loving men never resign. It is his duty to select teachers who have been called of God to teach, and who show and prove by their daily walk and conversation, consecrated living and thorough knowledge of the Scriptures that they are the ones whom God has chosen to train the children for Him.

The pastor and deacons should not be overlooked as an important factor in the Sunday-school work. They are made, by virtue of their office, the overlookers or overseers of the flock; to them was the command, "Feed my lambs," specially given. The shepherd has not done his duty, nor does he represent honestly the interests of those that employ him or Him that called him to be a shepherd, when he goes simply to the place where the sheep and lambs are ac-

customed to being fed and dishes out the food and goes away without ever looking to see if they are all there, and each receiving his portion in due season, and if not, arranging or going himself to know why they are not there, and bring them into the fold, that they may be fed and sheltered. The excuse so often made, that they know the place and time of feeding, and if they are not there it is their fault, is not an excuse that will be acceptable at the judgment bar. The parable of the lost sheep is good study for us all, daily.

Then the deacons have much to do in this matter. They are the watchers of the church, not only to guard its treasury, but to see that the truths of the Bible are correctly taught, both in the pulpit and in the Sunday-school. To them was committed the high and sacred duty of "holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience." In order to HOLD they must first HAVE. Then it is necessary that they KNOW the mysteries of this faith, that they may HOLD only that which is pure. Then, having and holding that which is pure, they are not to hold like an oyster in his hard shell this truth, but are to be the mediums through which God distributes this pure faith to others.

It is their duty to overlook and see and know that the spiritual food given to the children in the church's nursery is properly prepared, properly seasoned and properly fed. Then we will have a people that are strong in His word and mighty because they know His will. Let us strive to elevate the Sunday-school to this, its high and proper plane. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD, Ch'rm'n Com.

Pending the discussion of the report the hour for preaching arrived. Dr. G. A. Nunnally preached in the school-house and Rev. Z. T. Weaver preached the Missionary sermon in the church building.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At half-past one the Association was called to order by the Moderator and was led in prayer by Bro. J. H. Corley.

Read four church letters, which had arrived since the first reading.

Bro. J. W. Stanford requested Dr. Harvey Hatcher to speak on the Sabbath-school report, after which the report was adopted.

Suspended the regular order of business and heard the report on Obituaries, which was adopted as follows:

We feel that we have cause to be thankful to our Heavenly Father that He hath dealt so mercifully with us since last we met, that He hath spared all of our brethren in the ministry to be a comfort and pleasure to us, to furnish us spiritual food and correct us in our way, work and walk.

Respectfully submitted,

I. L. BALKCOM,

J. L. CUMBIE,

Committee.

Excused Brethren I. L. Balkcom and W. J. Roberts.

The report on Education was received as follows:

Your Committee, conscious of the hindrances to the cause of education on account of financial depression, yet rejoice to believe that there has never been a period in the history of our country when there has been so much interest in the development of the minds of our young as now, and that it is noticeable that this interest is continuously growing. We notice with a great deal of pleasure that all of the common schools of the country are seeking the very best of teachers, and those in authority are becoming more rigid in their exactions as to the qualifications of teachers.

As Baptists we have much cause for gratitude and hope in the several institutions of learning offered our boys and girls. For Mercer University, the glory and pride of every Georgia Baptist, we turn with heartfelt gratitude to God for His blessing upon it and for perpetuating to us an institution which helps not only the rich, but lifts up the poor to positions of usefulness and

honor, and feel that every Baptist in Georgia ought to give to Mercer their prayers, influence and means, until she can justly and critically stand the equal in every respect to any University in America. We feel justly proud of Mercer's President and Faculty, and we ought to encourage their hearts and uphold their hands by a generous patronage, and they will make an impress upon the lives and characters of our boys and young men whose influence must be felt upon our country for ages to come. We would urge upon all of our churches the importance of making annual contributions to Mercer, and especially collections for the Loan Fund to Mercer, as there is at present a number of worthy young men who would be at Mercer but for the want of funds, while if we had a sufficient Loan Fund of which they could get the use, they would gladly pay back when through college, as soon as they could make it.

We rejoice to note also the improvements and superior advantages offered by the Baptist female colleges of the State to our girls, for whom, under the providence of God, a wider field of usefulness is opening.

We have at Forsyth, Monroe Female College, at LaGrange, the Southern Female College, Shorter College, at Rome, and at College Park, the Southern Female College.

All of these are Baptist Colleges, and need and merit our earnest support. It is also with pride that we point to the Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., which also merits our hearty support. We also call special attention to Bethel College, which is the property of Bethel Association, and which, no doubt, would be an institution of which the Association would be proud, if the churches would contribute to her and patronize her.

We feel that the cause of education is one in which we all ought to be more interested, and especially the cause of Christian education. We feel that we ought to pray for and in every way increase all our educational institutions. While we feel that the cause of missions is the one all-absorbing interest, yet we feel that we cannot do the cause of missions more good in every other way than by supporting our denominational colleges. J. S. KNOWLES, Chairman.

Dr. G. A. Nunnally made an interesting speech on the report.

Bro. J. I. D. Miller offered the following amendment to the report, which, with the report, was then adopted:

Resolved, That this body request and urge the pastors of this Association to inaugurate and carry on in a hasty, impressive and effective way a campaign on Missions, Denominational Education and Temperance, agreeing that the donors and contributors have the right to designate the school to which their money shall go.

Bro. D. W. Hammock invited the members of the Association to meet at Coleman on the fifth Sabbath in this month to consider Bro. Miller's resolution.

Bro. J. B. Turner was excused.

The report on Temperance was offered as follows:

Your Committee is glad to report that the cause of Temperance is increasing, but the enemy of all good is not driven from the field yet. Intoxicating liquors have some strongholds among us yet. One is our votes. Prohibition men often vote for wet legislators to make laws, and they always make wet ones. So we that vote for them place them in honor to cut our own throats. It is time for us to learn to vote as we pray, and until we do this the enemy will not be driven from us. Another stronghold is, too many are satisfied if the enemy is driven from the open saloon to the dispensary. Some of our members are keepers of dispensaries, if we are not misinformed. We think that a Christian should not keep a gate of the devil that leads to hell.

We find that Randolph and Calhoun counties, having 16 churches in this Association, are protected by law from the sale of whiskey. We find that Clay and Quitman, having 11 churches, are legalized by license to sell whiskey. We find that Terrell (3), Early (8), Miller (1), and Baker (1) are under the dispensary law.

JOHN MARTIN, Chairman.

Brethren John Martin, E. Z. F. Golden, J. H. Carpenter and W. H. Patterson spoke on the report, after which it was adopted.

Received and adopted the report on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches as follows:

Your Committee on Digest of Letters make the following report:

The contributions of our churches have increased over last year, and we should feel profoundly grateful for this increase in liberality.

The outlook among the churches is good, and we feel very sanguine for the Master's cause among us.

Respectfully,

Z. T. WEAVER, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations offer the following report:

1st. Wm. D. Hammock to preach the next Introductory Sermon. Alternate: J. S. Knowles.

2nd. W. O. Crumbley to preach the next Missionary Sermon. Alternate: J. W. Martin.

3d. Messengers to State Convention: D. W. Hammock, D. M. Davidson, A. J. Jones, I. A. Martin, W. L. Curry, J. W. Stanford, B. W. Ellis, Z. T. Weaver, J. I. D. Miller, J. S. Knowles, J. E. Paullin and W. D. Hammock.

4th. Executive Committee: T. F. Moody, B. W. Ellis, N. T. Spivey.

5th. Board of Education of Bethel College: J. N. Stanford, B. W. Ellis, W. W. Binion, J. W. Stanford, Z. T. Weaver, N. T. Spivey, T. Moody, J. S. Knowles, W. D. Hammock, A. J. Jones, J. E. Paullin, J. C. Martin, I. B. Manry, J. E. Martin, J. W. Martin, W. Z. T. Bridges, L. A. Duggan, E. H. Lee, W. A. Cumbie, I. L. Balkcom, H. Turner, D. R. Stewart, J. M. Bolham, J. B. Hobbs.

6th. Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention: W. H. Patterson. Alternate: Z. T. Weaver.

A. H. TEEL,

J. T. PETTIGREW,

J. W. MARTIN,

Committee.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Your Finance Committee begs leave to make the following report:

For Minutes.....	\$ 32 55
For Associational Purposes.....	25 37
For State Missions.....	214 35
For Home Missions.....	178 55
For Foreign Missions.....	169 42
For Indigent Ministers.....	65 71
For Mercer University.....	49 20
For Colportage Fund.....	29 45
For Bethel College.....	11 75
For Orphans' Home.....	60 87
Previously Sent up.....	705 36
For J. H. Corley.....	23 38
Ladies' Aid Society, Arlington, ch'k to So. F. Col., LaGrange	11 50

Public Collection, not Directed..... \$16 15

\$1,593 61

J. M. TAYLOR,

T. J. METHVIN,

E. H. LEE.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

After prayer by Rev. W. D. Hammock the minutes of the previous day were read and adopted. The name of Rev. Wm. D. Hammock

was added to the list of Messengers to the Georgia Baptist Convention. Bro. F. M. Bledsoe was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Directed that any member from our Association be authorized to report himself as correspondent at any Association which he may visit.

Read two more church letters.

Agreed to meet on Tuesday after fourth Sunday in October, 1900.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to hold the next session at Lebanon church, in Terrell county.

The following standing committees were appointed:

On Missions—W. O. Crumbley, J. W. Cumbie, B. B. Smith, J. W. Nichols, O. J. Jordan, J. E. Coram, Marcellus Royett.

On Temperance—J. E. Paullin, J. C. Culbreth, J. C. Price, J. A. Shepherd, R. C. Harris, C. B. Fisher, J. F. Brim, R. L. Shaw, E. H. Lee.

On Sunday Schools—J. I. D. Miller, G. R. Swan, A. C. Sutton, J. T. Stewart, W. A. Lindsay, M. E. Tyson, W. B. Joiner.

On Education—Z. T. Weaver, G. W. Harrison, W. J. Jordan, W. Z. T. Bridges, H. F. Melton, J. C. Joiner, J. W. Boyett.

On Obituaries—T. F. Moody, J. T. Pettigrew, Elijah Williams, W. E. Knighton, T. J. Pinkston, R. G. Smith, J. L. Cumbie.

There were no applications for dismission.

Directed that the printing of the minutes be done with the funds sent for that purpose, and that the Clerk receive the amount sent up for his services.

Bro. Harvey Hatcher presented the work of the American Baptist Publication Society very acceptably.

Excused Brethren F. C. Stevens, H. F. Melton, J. C. Joiner and J. F. Brim.

On motion of Rev. J. S. Knowles, the body reconsidered the adoption of the report on Sunday-schools. After amendment the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. E. H. Lee, \$13.17, undirected funds, was carried to the deficit on Bro. J. H. Corley's salary.

Bro. Edens was requested to talk to us concerning the loan fund of Mercer University.

Bro. T. F. Moody made an appeal that the deficit on Bro. Corley's salary be raised and paid him. A collection was taken in cash and pledges amounting to sufficient to cover the deficit. Bro. J. S. Knowles moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to continue Bro. Corley as evangelist for the ensuing year at same salary, which was agreed to.

Read the letter from Mt. Zion church, and the Clerk was directed to add the amount of finances sent in a foot note to the financial table.

Directed that the funds for Missions from Mt. Zion and the public collection be equally divided between the three Mission Boards.

Agreed to pay Bro. Charles Hepburn one hundred dollars for next year.

Bro. I. B. Manry offered the following resolution, which was unanimously agreed to:

Resolved: That the thanks of this body be hereby tendered this church and community for the unbounded hospitality so freely offered.

Agreed to raise a loan fund of not less than \$150 for Mercer University, directed to the support of Rev. S. F. Sullivan, under the authority of the Prudential Committee of Mercer University. Bro. J. W. Stanford agreed to give one-fourth of any amount raised by the Association.]

Read and adopted the Minutes, and called the roll.

During the singing of the hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the brethren extended the parting hand, and the session was closed with prayer.

L. A. DUGGAN, Clerk.

REV. WM. H. PATTERSON,
Moderator.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association, and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches, nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will be only an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot or otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject, or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall have no voice in determining questions, except in case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it, when required, and shall print and distribute the minutes among the several churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall, from time to time, appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successors in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association, through her Executive Committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled as messengers are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This constitution and rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of three members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

ART. 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

ART. 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the Gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

ART. 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART. 8. We believe in the "perseverance of the saints;" that all those who are truly regenerated and born again will ultimately be saved in heaven; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons.

ART. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

ART. 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and have been legally baptized.

ART. 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.
Arlington...	Calhoun...	J I D Miller...	S T Nance...	Arlington.....
Bethel.....	Clay.....	.....	J C Camp.....	Womack.....
Benevolence..	Randolph...	M B L Binion..	O A Harris....	Benevolence...
Bethany.....	Baker.....	.....	W A White....	Damascus.....
Beulah.....	Early.....	J G Corley....	J L Kelly.....	Cedar Springs..
Blakely.....	Early.....	W H Patterson.	H B Buchanan..	Blakely.....
Bluffton.....	Clay.....	J I D Miller...	J S Haisten....	Bluffton.....
Coleman.....	Randolph...	J I D Miller...	A J Jones.....	Coleman.....
Colomokee... ..	Early.....	.....	C M Kenney... ..	Blakely.....
Cuthbert.....	Randolph...	.....	T F Moody.....	Cuthbert.....
Damascus... ..	Early.....	R C Pool.....	J N Evans.....	Blakely.....
Damascus... ..	Randolph...	J W Martin....	J T Peak.....	Cuthbert.....
Dover.....	Terrell.....	J S Knowles... ..	W S Thornton..	Doverel.....
Elim.....	Calhoun.....	W D Hammock	J B Parham....	Knighton.....
Enon.....	Quitman.....	J S Knowles... ..	I L Balkcom....	Georgetown....
Enterprise... ..	Clay.....	J E Dikes.....	E W Richardson	Moye.....
Ft Gaines... ..	Clay.....	H L Crumbley..	J W Vinson....	Ft Gaines.....
Friendship... ..	Randolph...	W D Hammock	W M Faircloth..	Shellman.....
Georgetown... ..	Quitman.....	J I D Miller....	F M Bledsoe... ..	Georgetown....
Herod.....	Terrell.....	A B Hawks.....	W L Mathews... ..	Herod.....
Hillside.....	Early.....	.....	W R Humphrey	Milford.....
Hilton.....	Early.....	J L Pate.....	J M Pate.....	Hilton.....
Leary.....	Calhoun.....	R C Pool.....	B I Keel.....	Leary.....
Lebanon.....	Terrell.....	J W Martin....	R J Grier.....	Sasser.....
Midway.....	Clay.....	J I D Miller....	T J Methvin... ..	Georgetown....
Milford.....	Baker.....	.....	J J Warren....	Milford.....
Morgan.....	Calhoun.....	Z T Weaver....	C B Weaver....	Morgan.....
Mt Gilead... ..	Clay.....	J L Pate.....	J B Goodman... ..	Ft Gaines.....
Mt Hebron... ..	Miller.....	W O Crumbley..	W B Shepherd..	Eugene.....
Mt Hebron... ..	Randolph...	J G Corley....	N Fellows.....	Grubbs.....
Mt Vernon... ..	Clay.....	J S Knowles... ..	J B Wiles.....	Zetto.....
Mt Zion.....	Clay.....	W D Hammock	Oscar Beard....	Blakely.....
New Bethel... ..	Randolph...	M B L Binion..	S W Manry....	Bethel.....
New Hope... ..	Early.....	J W Martin....	S L Houston... ..	Fitz Hugh.....
Pine View... ..	Early.....	W O Crumbley..	J Q Scarb'rough	Blakely.....
Rehoboth.....	Randolph...	J G Corley....	O H Callaway... ..	Shellman.....
Salem.....	Calhoun.....	J S Knowles... ..	W A Manry....	Edison.....
Shellman.....	Randolph...	Z T Weaver....	C P Payne.....	Shellman.....
Shiloh.....	Clay.....	J S Knowles... ..	L O Shivers....	Pataula.....
Spring Vale... ..	Randolph...	Z T Weaver....	E H Lee.....	Spring Vale....
Vilulah.....	Randolph...	J W Martin....	B E Joiner....	Coleman.....

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.													
	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	No. of Members.	Days of Meeting.					
J I D Miller, J M Johnson, Wm Ray	1	3		4		1	75	4					
W D Fort, J. E. Coram	9	2		3		3	99	1					
O A Jordan	1	4		4	1		50	2					
J C Hudspeth.....	2	3				2	34	2					
W H Patterson, J B Hobbs, Marcellus Boyett		7		4	1	2	115	2 4					
J S Haisten, A D Ingraham		5	2	1			62	2					
J S Knowles, J W Nichols, D W Hammock	19	10		4		1	94	1					
J C Corley, W J Jordan, J T Pettigrew													
G R Bisby, J W Stanford, W Z T Bridges, T F	5	5		14	3	1	188	1 2 3 4					
R C Pool..... [Moody, L A Duggan	1	7					20	1					
W D Peak, Elijah Williams	12	9	1	9			127	2					
F C Stevens.....		15	1	10			71	3					
W H Johnson, W E Knighton.....	3	3		1		1	88	3					
I L Backcom, T G Pinkston, W J Roberts, W F	3		1	3	1	1	88	1					
R G Smith, J H T McKinnon..... [Moore	1	3		7	1	1	68	1					
J E Paullin, W S Keese	1	1		11	2	2	140	1 3					
J L Cumbie, H B Collins, T Edwards	2	3		13	1		78	2					
Wm B McClendon, T A Mashburn, F M Bledsoe, C	1			2	1	1	79	3					
H F Melton..... [B Fisher		9		9	3	1	80	1					
W T Lewis	1	2		11	2	1	42	4					
BS Pate		1	1	4	1	1	17	2					
J C Joiner, J F Brim	3	3	7	2	2	7	61	1					
T J Methvin, J W Boyett	2			1		1	42	3					
J C Price, C H Gee	12	8		4			115	3					
J B Goodman, T B Jenkins, R L Shaw.....	6	1					66	3					
C C Miller, J A Rooks, R F Hardy.....	18			1			63	3					
J W Sauls, J W Martin, E B Bass	12	4		7	1		184	1					
B T Pierce, A C Sutton.....	4	3		4		2	61						
W T Hammock	2	2		2			58	3					
John Martin, J H Manry, J T Stewart, A P Stew-		1	1	14		1	136	3					
J J McClendon, W A Lindsay.. [art, J M Tarlor	9	3	2	6	6	1	126	4					
W O Crumbley, R L Swan, G H Ramsey	3	7	1	3	3	3	62	1					
M E Tison, J L Lunsford, LaFayette Paul.....	1	3	1	8			127	3					
I B Manry, J B Turner, W B Joiner.....	4	7	2	5		2	169	4					
Z T Weaver, W R Curry, R B Martin		2		10		1	73	2 4					
J A Shepherd, J H Harris.....	1	5			1	1	74	1 5					
E H Lee, J N Masse, A H Teal.....	10	4		10	2	2	75	1					
Charley Brown, B B Smith, R C Harris, T J Lind-	6	5		6	2	3	132	3					
[say, John Ragan.													

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Minutes.	Association Purposes.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Arlington	Calhoun	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 7 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00
Benevolence	Randolph	1 00	60	4 90	4 90	4 30
Bethel	Clay					
Beulah	Early	50	50	1 00	1 00	1 00
Blakely	Early	1 50	1 00	12 00		11 00
Bluffton	Clay	50	30	2 25	2 25	3 02
Coleman	Randolph	50	50	5 00	5 00	5 00
Colomokee	Early	1 00	50	13 00	13 00	13 00
Cuthbert	Randolph	2 00	1 00			
Damascus	Early	50	42	1 00	2 50	2 50
Damascus	Randolph	75	75	2 50	2 50	2 50
Doyer	Terrell	1 00	1 00	3 71	3 71	3 71
Elim	Calhoun	75	50	2 00	1 00	2 00
Enon	Quitman	75	50	3 00	7 00	7 00
Enterprise	Clay	50	50			1 35
Ft Gaines	Clay	1 00	1 00	16 00	16 00	20 16
Friendship	Randolph	75	75	4 11		
Georgetown	Quitman	50		9 22	9 22	9 22
Herod	Terrell	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Hillside	Early	50	50	50	30	50
Hilton	Early	50	50	1 00	1 00	
Leary	Calhoun	50	25	50	50	50
Lebanon	Terrell	75	75	21 35	21 35	21 30
Midway	Clay	25	50	10 25		
Milford	Baker					
Morgan	Calhoun	1 00	50	5 00	6 17	5 00
Mt Gilead	Clay	1 05	75	3 96		
Mt Hebron	Miller	75		4 70	4 75	
Mt Hebron	Randolph	75	75		4 00	3 00
Mt Vernon	Clay	50	50	1 50	1 50	85
*Mt Zion	Clay					
New Bethel	Randolph	1 50	1 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
New Hope	Early	1 25	75	2 10		2 10
Pine View	Early	1 00	25	1 00	1 00	1 00
Rehoboth	Randolph	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	2 96
Salem	Calhoun	1 00	1 00	20 00	5 00	5 15
Shellman	Randolph	1 00	1 00	17 30	19 00	
Shiloh	Clay	50	50		4 40	4 40
Spring Vale	Randolph	1 00	75	12 00	12 00	12 00
Vilulah	Randolph	1 50	1 50	4 00	4 00	4 00
Bethany	Baker	50	50	50	50	30
		\$31 80	\$24 57	\$214 35	\$178 55	\$169 42

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Indigent Ministers.	Mercer University.	Bethel College.	Orphan Home.	Colportage Fund.	Previously Sent Up.	Total.	Total Cash Received.
\$	\$ 4 50	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 22 50	
	4 20				39 65	60 15	
	1 00					5 00	
	7 00			19 45	49 14	101 14	
5 00			2 57		21 38	32 27	
12 75			3 72			23 72	
					11 75	65 96	
		1 50			336 51	322 51	
1 50			1 87		12 35	29 77	
						12 37	
			1 10	2 00	3 50	12 11	
52	1 50		1 50	4 00		12 55	
						25 77	
10 00	10 00		10 00		35 25	2 55	
4 11			4 11	1 50	10 25	17 41	
5 00	2 00		2 00		23 15	25 77	
5 00			4 75		25 80	2 30	
1 00						2 30	
50		25	1 00		3 85		
5 00	5 00		2 35		6 00		
					8 55	23 90	
		5 00			18 00	40 67	1130 58
			3 05	1 50	1 50	5 76	
			2 00		2 86	16 25	
						13 36	
						4 85	
			2 75		43 87	79 12	
2 28			2 10			10 48	
1 35						5 60	
					4 00	18 96	
5 00	5 00				7 50	49 65	
3 00	4 00		6 00		30 00	97 90	
				1 00		10 80	
6 00	5 00	5 00	10 00		12 00	75 75	
2 20					1 50	18 70	
						2 30	409 58
\$65 71	\$49 20	\$11 75	\$60 87	\$29 45	\$705 36	\$1,456 06	\$1,540 16

Mt. Vernon Church, for J. H. Corley.....\$ 2 00
 Coleman Church, for J. H. Corley.....7 50
 Public Collection8 10
 Public Collection8 05
 Arlington Church, from Ladies' Aid Society for Southern
 Female College, LaGrange, Ga.....11 50

*Mt. Zion church sent \$14 55.

REGULATION SCHEDULE.

ASSOCIATIONS.												
Sec- T'NS	JAN'Y	FEB'Y	MC'H	AP'L	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Coosa, Chattooga, Floyd Co., Gordon Co., N. Ga., Salem, Coosawattee.	A	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn
Mountain Town, Elijah, Jasper, Notla River, Hiawassee, N. Union, Morganton	B	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.
Polk Co., Mid. Cherokee, Noondag, Har- rison, Tallapoosa, P. Valley. N. Hope.	C	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn
Hiawater, Chatahoochee, Rosewell, Lawrenceville, Clarksville, Chestatee.	D	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn
Mountain United, Tugalo, Hebron, Muberry, Liberty, Appalachee.	E	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn
Carrollton, Concord, Fairburn, Western, Central Western, Bethlehem.	F	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn
Stone Mountain, South River, Second Georgia, Centennial.	G	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn
Central, Georgia, Washington, Sarepta.	H	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn
Rehoboth, Houston, Columbus, Pine Mountain, Flint River Mallary.	I	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn
Summer Hill, Bethel, Bowen, Friend- ship, Tucker, S. Western, Mercer.	J	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn
Well, Lit. River, N. Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Mt Vernon, Daniel, Middle, Hepzibah.	K	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.
Consolation, Piedmont, Miller, Homer- ville, Smyrna, N. Sunberry, Bapt Union	L	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn

EXPLANATIONS:

Observe as to abbreviations—M. U., Mercer University; Mssn., Missions; M. E., Ministerial Education; I. M., Indigent Ministers; O. H., Orphans' Home.



LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Wm. H. Patterson, D. D., Blakely, Ga.
G. R. Bisby, Cuthbert, Ga.
H. L. Crumbley, Cuthbert, Ga.
J. L. Pate, Bluffton, Ga.
J. W. Martin, Cuthbert, Ga.
W. D. Hammock, Coleman, Ga.
J. W. Nichols, Coleman, Ga.
J. H. Corley, Fort Gaines, Ga.
Charles Hepburn, Fort Gaines, Ga.
W. O. Crumbley, Fort Gaines, Ga.
C. H. Knighton, Shellman, Ga.
Z. T. Weaver, Shellman, Ga.
John Martin, Bethel, Ga.
J. J. King, Blakely, Ga.
J. G. Corley, Blakely, Ga.
J. I. D. Miller, Coleman, Ga.
J. W. Sauls, Lodrick, Ga.
J. E. Dikes, Damascus, Ga.
J. A. Rooks, Colquitt, Ga.
R. C. Pool, Damascus, Ga.
J. S. Knowles, Coleman, Ga.
S. F. Sullivan, Blakely, Ga.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt an Order of Business for the present Session.
4. Read the Church Letters.
5. Hear Application for Membership.
6. Fix the Hours for Meeting and Adjourning.
7. Appoint Committee to report at the present Session, namely: (1) On Preaching; (2) on Finance; (3) on Auditing; (4) on Digest of Letters from the Churches and State of the Churches; (5) on Nominations; (to Preach Introductory and Mission Sermons at next Session, Delegates to the State Convention, Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College, and Executive Committee).
8. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational Enterprises, and Visitors.
9. Hear the Report of the Treasurer.
10. Hear the Report of the Executive Committee.
11. Hear the Report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
12. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) on Missions; (2) on Sunday-schools; (3) on Temperance; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries; (6) on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches; (7) on Nominations; (8) on Finance; (9) Auditing Committee.
13. Elect Treasurer.
14. Appoint Correspondents.
15. Fix the Time and Place of Holding next Session.
16. Appoint Committees to Report next Session: (1) on Missions; (2) on Temperance; (3) on Sunday-schools; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries.
17. Call for Applications for Dismissions.
18. Arrange for Printing the Minutes and for the Clerk's Fee.
19. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Lebanon Baptist Church, Terrell County, Ga., October 30th
and 31st and November 1st, 1900.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—REV. WM. H. PATTERSON, D. D.....BLAKELY, GA.
CLERK—BRO. L. A. DUGGAN.....CUTHBERT, GA.
TREASURER—BRO. D. W. HAMMACK.....COLEMAN, GA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BRO. J. W. STANFORD, BRO. J. E. PAULLIN, BRO. W. R. CURRY.

Next Session Meets with Mt. Hebron Church, at Grubbs, Randolph County, Ga., on
Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1901.

MINUTES.

LEBANON CHURCH, Sasser, Terrell County, Ga.,
October 30th, 1900.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Session of the Bethel Baptist Association met with Lebanon church at ten o'clock, and after a prayer service led by Dr. J. W. Stanford, listened to the introductory sermon by Rev. J. S. Knowles from the 116th Psalm, 1st verse—"I love the Lord."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at half-past one o'clock, and after a song and the reading of the 72d Psalm by Dr. W. H. Patterson, was led in prayer by Bro. A. L. Blizzard.

The roll of Messengers was then formed.

Organization was perfected by electing as Moderator Rev. Wm. H. Patterson, D. D., and as Clerk Bro. L. A. Duggan, both by acclamation.

Adopted the Order of Business as printed in the minutes of the last session.

The letters from the churches were collected by Brethren W. O. Crumbley and E. H. Lee and read by Brethren W. W. Arnold and H. L. Crumbley. The churches at Blakely, Bluffton and Mt. Hebron invited the next session of the Association.

Received the newly constituted Baptist church, Providence, Early county, as a member of this body.

Adopted the hours of meeting and adjourning as follows: To meet at 9 o'clock a. m. and 1:30 p. m., and to adjourn at 10:50 a. m. and at will in the afternoon.

The following committees were appointed to report at this session:

On Preaching—Pastor and Messengers of Lebanon church, with W. A. George and R. B. Martin.

On Finance—J. M. Taylor, E. H. Lee and H. F. Melton.

On Digest of Letters and State of the Churches—J. S. Knowles, W. Z. T. Bridges and W. J. Jordan.

On Nominations—I. R. Bridges, J. N. Masee and C. E. Jones.

Auditor—J. E. Paullin.

Fixed the hour 9:30, to-morrow morning, to hear Dr. Taylor for the Orphans' Home, and 10 o'clock to hear Dr. Jameson and the report of the Committee on Missions.

Rev. A. L. Blizzard presented himself as a correspondent from Summer Hill. He cordially invited members of the Bethel to attend their meeting.

The following brethren were welcomed as correspondents and visitors: From Summer Hill—Revs. A. B. Hawkes, W. W. Mabry, W. W. Arnold and J. E. Lunsford; Bro. B. Broome, from the Eufaula; from Friendship—Revs. R. A. Morgan, W. A. Mabry, M. B. L. Binion, S. A. McMahan, H. L. Crumbley, Brethren B. M. Melton, N. B. Barnes,

G. N. Roberts, F. N. McLendon; Dr. S. Y. Jameson, representing Missions; Dr. Jas. B. Taylor, representing the Baptist Orphans' Home. Dr. B. J. W. Graham, representing the Christian Index, gave a very stirring address.

Received the report of the Treasurer as follows:

F. M. BLEDSOE, Treasurer,
In Account with Bethel Baptist Association.

DR.

Oct. 30, 1899.	To Amount Financial Committee.....	\$891 70
	To Amount Mt. Zion Church.....	14 55
		<hr/> \$906 25

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By L. A. Duggan's Services.....	\$ 57 92
By G. A. Nunnally.....	11 50
By S. Y. Jameson, State Missions.....	214 35
By Home Missions.....	178 55
By Foreign Missions.....	169 42
By Indigent Ministers.....	65 71
By Mercer University.....	49 20
By Orphans' Home.....	60 87
By Revenue Stamps.....	14
By J. H. Corley.....	23 38
By J. H. Corley, Public Collections.....	16 15
By Prof. Clark, Bethel College.....	11 75
By T. F. Moody, Colportage.....	29 45
By S. Y. Jameson.....	13 00
By Balance on hand.....	4 86
	<hr/> \$906 25

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. BLEDSOE.

It was referred to the Auditor.

I find from the within, amount received, \$906.25; paid out, \$901.39; amount on hand, \$4.86. Vouchers enclosed to cover payment.
Sasser, Ga., Oct. 31, 1900.

J. E. PAULIN, Auditor.

Received the report of the Executive Committee as follows:

To the Bethel Association—DEAR BRETHREN: Your Executive Committee beg leave to report:

At last meeting of the Association it agreed to continue Brother Corley as Association evangelist at same salary as the year previous, and also agreed to pay \$100 to Rev. Chas. Hepburn. To meet the payment of these obligations the committee made requests from the various churches of the Association. We have received the amounts below from the following churches:

Midway.....	\$4 65	Dover.....	2 00
Enon.....	2 00	Elam.....	3 00
Mt. Hebron, Randolph county...	1 70	Milford.....	1 00
Coleman.....	6 00	Spring Vale.....	3 00
Benevolence.....	4 30	Salem.....	7 00
Enterprise.....	1 60	Mt. Hebron, Early county.....	1 90
Fort Gaines.....	6 25	New Hope.....	4 00
Damascus, Early county.....	1 50	Lebanon.....	5 00
Damascus, Randolph county.....	1 00	Vilulah.....	50
Friendship.....	4 00	Sale of 3 Bibles.....	4 75
Pine View.....	2 00		
Bethany.....	1 60	Total.....	<hr/> \$68 75

We have paid out as follows:

Postage.....	\$ 1 15	Chas. Hepburn	28 70
J. H. Corley	38 90		
		Total	\$68 75

Bro. Corley died April 2d, 1900, which leaves the Association due his estate \$44.45 for work done. We still owe Bro. Hepburn \$71.30, which amounts will be reduced by funds sent by the churches to the Association. If a deficit remains we recommend an immediate collection be taken to liquidate the debt.

The committee still has on hand the colporteur books same as last year, except three Bibles which were sold for \$4.75 and the amount placed in the Corley-Hepburn fund. We recommend that these books be equally divided between Brethren S. F. Sullivan and W. D. Peak, two young ministers who are striving to obtain an education, to be sold by them and the proceeds applied by them to their expenses.

Fraternally,

T. F. MOODY,
B. W. ELLIS,
N. T. SPIVEY.

It was moved by Bro. J. S. Knowles to strike out the part of the report referring to Bro. Charles Hepburn, which was accepted by the committee.

After remarks by Bro. J. W. Stanford in reference to the Monument Home for the daughters of Bro. J. H. Corley, there was a liberal contribution of cash and pledges for that object.

The report was then adopted.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Bro. B. J. W. Graham would preach to-night and Bro. G. R. Bisby Wednesday night.

The session was then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

After a prayer service led by Bro. B. Broome, the body was called to order by the Moderator; Bro. J. G. Corley led in the opening prayer.

Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday. Called and corrected the roll.

Read the church letter from Damascus, Early county.

Received as correspondents from the Mallary Association Revs. B. W. Davis and G. T. West and Bro. G. W. Roper. Made the special order for two o'clock the reports of the Board of Trustees of Bethel College and the Committee on Education.

The following committees were appointed to report at next session:

Missions—J. I. D. Miller, W. A. George, A. D. Engram, J. M. Balkcom, J. T. Peak, W. S. Thornton.

Temperance—W. S. Keese, Bob Harris, D. W. Hammack, W. E. Knighton, A. H. Richardson, C. B. George.

Sunday-schools—E. W. Childs, J. D. Melton, W. B. Tye, R. L. Shaw, L. M. Free, E. B. Bass, R. C. White.

Education—W. R. Curry, J. D. Melton, B. F. Todd, I. C. Price, L. F. Hay, W. J. Kenney, J. L. Lunsford.

Obituaries—J. H. Manry, Hugh Sparks, G. W. Coram, J. N. Stanford, J. B. Turner, Frank Griffin, A. T. King.

Orphans' Home—Z. T. Weaver, J. B. Payne, W. J. Jordan, T. G. Pinkston, J. D. Melton, B. T. Todd.

The following resolutions, offered by Bro. J. W. Stanford, were adopted:

Whereas, The Georgia Baptist Orphans' Home is now under the fostering care of our Baptist State Convention, and is as much a part of its work as any of our denominational enterprises; therefore, resolved:

1st. That we recommend this noble institution to our churches and Sunday-schools as worthy of their loving sympathy and financial support.

2d. That hereafter a committee be annually appointed to report concerning the condition and needs of our Orphans' Home.

The work at the Baptist Orphans' Home at Hapeville was presented by Dr. James B. Taylor, the general superintendent, after which a cash collection of \$35.01 was taken.

The report on Missions was received as follows:

The Bible on the great and important subject of Missions is too pointed and clear for doubting. The King uttered no uncertain sound or useless words when He said to His disciples in that little but glorious meeting among the mountains of Galilee: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This command stands as a faithful signboard, pointing every child of God in the direction he or she should go, and to what God would have them do in this life. O, that His children—His agents, representatives in the world—would hear and joyfully obey him, for missionary work is a joy, a duty, a privilege, and a necessity from every reasonable standpoint. A thousand years before Christ was literally sacrificed for the sins of His people God said: "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions." Missions are a prerequisite to the world's greatest and grandest event—the second coming of our Lord. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."

Faith in the Son of God is essential to salvation. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Surely those into whose hands he has committed his unfinished work can never be free from responsibility and disobedience until they have to the very best of their ability preached the gospel everywhere. But under God His people have not all been deaf to His orders or reticent concerning His will. Our past efforts have been crowned with great and encouraging success. According to reports from our fields, there is cause for much rejoicing among the workers. We should earnestly pray that the Lord of the harvest would send more laborers into the field.

There is still much to be done. Our own state, Georgia, is not without destitute places that need our early attention. Our home and foreign fields need many faithful workers. Let us do our best for God and His cause everywhere. Let our prayers ascend for all the workers and our means be freely given for their support. Let us pray for and stand by our Boards in every righteous way, remembering that these brethren, to do well the great work that the churches are expecting them to do, are largely dependent upon us for means and encouragement. Let us go and do the Master's will earnestly and faithfully, looking forward, with happy hearts, to the bright and glorious day when the King will welcome our return home with the plaudit, "Well done, good seryant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted, W. O. CRUMBLEY.

The subject was discussed by Dr. S. Y. Jameson.

Pending the discussion of the report the hour for adjournment arrived.

Rev. W. O. Crumbley preached the Missionary Sermon from John 17-18. Dr. B. W. Davis, of Albany, Ga., preached at the academy.

The collection for Missions amounted to \$22.85.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on Missions was adopted. The regular order was suspended and the report on Obituaries was received and, after remarks by Dr. Patterson, adopted:

While we congratulate ourselves on the success and prosperity which has attended the churches of Bethel Association during the past year, while we rejoice in the social intercourse and communion one with another, yet we stand in the shadow of gloom. Death has invaded our ranks since last we met. On April 2d, 1900, Rev. J. H. Corley died at his home in Fort Gaines in full assurance of the faith. Bro. Corley was born in Edgefield District, S. C., Oct. 2d, 1824. He joined the church at Macon, Ga., in 1835, and commenced preaching in 1844, and was called to ordination by Moriah church in Coweta county.

God sustained him that he might die in the harness which he so loved to wear, having filled the pulpit of the Ft. Gaines Baptist church on the morning of April 1st, and having lectured to the Bible class in the afternoon. He served churches all over Georgia, but his greatest work was in Dawson, Ft. Gaines, Blakely, and surrounding country. God has used him as an instrument in leading many to Christ. He was popular, learned and consecrated to the work of his Heavenly Father. But he is gone, He has answered the summons, "Son, come up higher." But the good he has done is still with us and will never, never die. While we mourn the death of Bro. Corley, there are others who have crossed over the river and gone to their reward, whose lives have not been so prominent but who have filled their places well. May their lives stimulate us to higher and nobler deeds, ever striving to do our Master's will.

Respectfully submitted, T. F. Moody.

By unanimous consent Bro. Z. T. Weaver offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we encourage and authorize the ladies to establish a Woman's Missionary Society as an auxiliary and under the advise of this Association; that they hold their meetings at each session of, but separate from, and report to, this Association, annually, as the Woman's Missionary Society of the state does, which is held in connection with the State Convention.

After remarks, pro and con, the resolution was adopted.

At two o'clock the report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel College was received:

We are pleased to report the buildings properly insured, in good condition, and the school flourishing. There was matriculated last year 110 students. The student body this year is, in many respects, better than last. The discipline is good.

We should consider ourselves fortunate in securing, as President Prof. W. P. Maury, and his able corps of teachers. Prof. Maury is a cultured Christian gentleman of broad information, high scholarship, and thorough in instruction. He spent two years after graduation at West Point, thus fitting himself more thoroughly for his high calling, and life work—teaching.

The entire faculty is as follows:

W. P. Maury, A. B., President (U. S. Military Academy and Middleton College)—Mathematics and English Studies; T. A. Binford, A. B. (Richmond, Va., College and Judson College, N. C.)—Latin, Greek, French and German; B. W. Young, B. S. (Kentucky State University)—Military Tactics, Science and Commercial Branches; Mrs. W. P. Maury, L. I. (University of Nashville and Peabody Normal)—Elocution and Assistant in Primary Department; Miss Cornelia Binford, (Graduate Luray, Va., Female College)—Primary.

All the faculty occupy and run the boarding house, thus giving oversight and assistance to every boy sent from a distance.

We are glad to report about 20 young men being prepared for Mercer University, among them two ministerial students, Rev. S. F. Sullivan and W. D. Peak. Quite a sharp contention exists among the young men for the scholarship, so generously given Bethel College, each year, by the Trustees of Mercer. This scholarship is worth, each year, to the successful contestant, a year's tuition in Mercer, costing \$55.

The Trustees of Mercer, together with the Presidents, have been trying for years to establish in each Association in the State an Associational School, where boys could be properly prepared to enter Mercer. They have succeeded in establishing many, three new ones this year. You will remember Dr. Gib-

son spoke of these schools each year at the Association, and their wonderful help to Mercer. They are more important now than ever, as Mercer has done away with its preparatory department, thus compelling boys to prepare themselves before going to Mercer.

A letter from Dr. P. D. Pollock, President of Mercer University, to the President of your Board of Trustees, on the question of Associational Schools, says: "We need some organized, systematic movement among the Baptists of Georgia to come to the rescue of weak committees and weak associations that make an effort to establish and maintain secondary schools. The success of Mercer University depends largely on the success of these schools, and especially upon those under Baptist influence and direction."

The wisdom of Dr. Pollock's suggestions can readily be seen by every thoughtful person. We can remember when the State University had its branch colleges all over the state, it had a much larger attendance than Mercer. But now it is reversed. Since our Associational Schools, under Baptist influence and direction, all over the state, have been organized by our best and wisest leaders, a stream of boys have been flowing into Mercer, until now it is ahead of anything in the state.

We hope the Association will give the proper encouragement to the two ministerial students that are studying hard to better fit themselves for usefulness in the Master's Kingdom.

Every Baptist in the bounds of the Association, that is loyal to the organized efforts throughout the state to build up Baptist interests, will feel proud of the fact that our forefathers planted here, in our midst, an institution for us and our children, where the poor and the rich can come and, at a small cost, get an education, or be prepared to enter any university or college in the United States, upon a certificate from Bethel College.

Let us labor, patronize, and pray for Bethel College, that it reflect increased honor year by year upon us and our forefathers that left it as a sacred trust, and a monument of their love for us.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

J. W. STANFORD, Pres. Board Trustees.

The report on Education was received:

Education among us is a vital question—one so closely connected with our prosperity that there can be no permanent success without it. How to train our children to do their life work and to get the best results for our denomination should engage our attention to such a degree that the question of education should be kept prominent in our annual gatherings. Education is power; education is wealth; education is prestige. The power of a denomination is not so much in numbers as in the trained minds of the few. The best trained minds among us generally give direction to the whole body.

The question for us to consider in this report is where and how. As to how, we would urge the thorough and concise method as against the diffused and scattered plan. See to it that your child does not study too many things. In this age of multiplied arts and sciences there is danger of trying to learn too many things at the expense of thorough training on a few things. We have better schools than at any time in our history, and more of them, but we do need to emphasize thoroughness. Very few of our public speakers know how to discriminate between the verbs SET and SIT, and also between the verbs LIE and LAY. The indiscriminate use of the pronouns I and WE is also painful.

Where shall we educate? Of course we all say at once in our own schools, that is, in the schools that belong to the Baptists and are fostered by them. For the boys, Mercer stands prominent among us. We all love Mercer and should patronize it in preference to any other college. Moral training is not to be ignored in education, and at Mercer we get the benefit of the moral as well as the literary training. We can not afford to have our boys brought up without the best advantages for their moral development, for if they should be trained only in the intellectual then their education would be incomplete. In the last two years the endowment for Mercer has been increased about fifty thousand dollars, and we feel confident that the Baptists will make it a hundred thousand before many more years.

We would also commend Bethel Male College, situated in Cuthbert and owned by the Baptists of the Bethel Association, to the care and patronage of

the Baptists of this section. It has at present a full corps of competent teachers, and is well equipped to prepare boys for the sophomore class in Mercer.

Remember, too, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.; and if there be gifted young men among us whom God hath called to preach His word, let them be sought and encouraged to attend the Seminary.

With regard to female education, there are quite a number of colleges; only two of them, however, are strictly Baptist—that is, Dr. Nunnally's school at LaGrange and the Baptist Female College at Forsyth. We have for many years felt the need of a first-class college for girls. Last year the Baptist Convention of Georgia received the female college at Forsyth and are now prepared to give all the educational advantages that any other institution in the state can give, and that, too, at actual cost. Female education is an acknowledged necessity, and none should avail themselves of this great power more willingly than Baptists.

Educate the boys at Mercer and the girls at Forsyth.

Baptists are improving in all lines of Christian activities, but in none more than in education.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. T. WEAVER, Chairman.

During the discussion of these reports Bro. J. W. Stanford spoke for Mercer University and Bethel College, and Rev. J. R. Gunn for Monroe Female College, at Forsyth. A collection of pledges amounting to \$110 and cash \$2.04 was taken for Monroe Female College.

The reports were adopted. The body then adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Opened with song. Led in prayer by Bro. J. W. Saule.

Read and corrected the minutes of previous day.

The report on Temperance was received as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance begs leave to make the following report:

We observe that our associations and state conventions adopt resolutions and make strong talks against the whiskey traffic, yet the evil continues to stare us in the face. We could not if we would, and would not if we could, bring forward any new arguments against this curse of humanity. It is condemned by experience, observation, science, history, the Word of God, and every important corporation in our country, as an unmitigated evil. Yet, so complete is the control of the devil over the frailties of the body that scarcely do our hearers reach their homes before their zeal has waned and their fervor forgotten. It is a principle of life everywhere that to continue existence we must be active and progressive.

Your committee does not believe that anyone can acceptably serve the Lord with the fumes of whiskey on his breath, and we recommend that:

First, All of the churches of this Association discipline vigorously every brother that habitually uses alcoholic liquors as a beverage.

Second, That a committee of one or more active, zealous friends of prohibition be appointed in each church, whose duty it shall be to secure and contribute literature bearing on this subject—among which we know of none better than "The Sentinel," published at Athens, Ga., by Bro. A. J. Hughes.

Third, That we earnestly urge that no opportunity be lost to strike down the dread monster with our votes, where, after all, rests the issue.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PAULIN, Chairman.

It was moved by Bro. G. R. Bishy that the report be amended by requesting the churches not to use fermented wine in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The motion was carried and the report adopted.

Bro. J. W. Stanford moved that the resolution on Temperance, attached to the Coleman church letter, be printed in the minutes, which was agreed to:

Whereas, The Bethel Association has repeatedly declared itself in strong reports on Temperance, positively condemning the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage; and, whereas, the organized forces of the liquor business have persistently ignored the expressed will of the people, using all means in their power to defeat general prohibitory legislation, and the time has come when individual Christians and gospel churches must unite and work and pray to suppress this scripturally condemned evil, Therefore be it resolved by the Coleman Baptist Church, one of the constituent members of the Association—

First, That we earnestly request the hearty co-operation of brethren and each church in our bounds in the support of temperance according to the expressed will of God, using our votes as citizens to exterminate the liquor business in our state and our influence as Christians and authority as churches in awakening men to a realization of the wrong done to home and society and the shame put on the cause of Christ in supporting whiskey in any form or under any circumstances.

Second, That this expression of our feeling and conviction be incorporated in our letter to the Association and read as part of the same to that body, appealing to every church among us to prayerfully and promptly consider this important matter and thus secure a more perfect union among the churches and “a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them” in the great cause of temperance and prohibition.

Received the report of Committee on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches:

The Committee on Digest of Letters submits this report:

We find, to our great gratification, that there has been an increase of forty per cent. in mission funds. We also find the interest in Sunday-schools increasing throughout the bounds of the Association, and the reported number of baptisms very encouraging.

J. S. KNOWLES,
W. Z. T. BRIDGES,
W. J. JORDAN.

The body sang “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” and was led in a prayer of thanksgiving by Bro. John Martin.

Received the report of the Committee on Nominations as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations offers the following report:

1st. W. L. Culbertson to preach the next Introductory Sermon; alternate, J. I. D. Miller.

2d. G. R. Bisby to preach the next Missionary Sermon; alternate, Z. T. Weaver.

3d. Messengers to State Convention: D. W. Hammack, I. A. Martin, W. R. Curry, J. W. Stanford, Z. T. Weaver, J. I. D. Miller, J. S. Knowles, J. E. Paullin, W. D. Hammack, W. L. Culbertson, J. W. Martin, R. B. Martin, S. F. Sullivan, W. D. Peak, J. H. Manry, W. H. Patterson, R. C. White.

4th. Executive Committee: J. W. Stanford, J. E. Paullin, W. R. Curry.

5th. Board of Education of Bethel College: J. W. Stanford, chairman; B. W. Ellis, N. T. Spivey, W. W. Binion, Z. T. Weaver, T. Moody, T. F. Moody, J. S. Knowles, W. D. Hammack, A. J. Jones, J. E. Paullin, J. C. Martin, I. B. Manry, C. R. West, J. W. Martin, W. Z. T. Bridges, L. A. Duggan, E. H. Lee, I. M. Taylor, G. R. Swan, R. B. Martin, W. L. Culbertson.

6th. Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention: Z. T. Weaver; alternate, W. D. Hammack.

I. R. BRIDGES,
JOHN MASSEY,
C. E. JONES, } Committee.

The report was amended by adding the name of Bro. C. E. Jones to the messengers to the State Convention and Bro. I. R. Bridges to the trustees of Bethel College.

The report of the Finance Committee was received as follows:

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

For Minutes.....	\$ 24 40	For Colportage Fund.....	4 70
" Associational Purposes....	26 50	" Corley Fund.....	35 81
" State Missions.....	212 52	" Texas Sufferers.....	8 00
" Home Missions.....	192 00	" Bro. Hepburn.....	7 40
" Foreign Missions.....	214 67	" Bro. Sullivan.....	6 00
" Indigent Ministers.....	58 83	Public Collection, not directed,	22 85
" Mercer University.....	27 03	Previously sent up.....	1,255 49
" Bethel College.....	3 00		
" Orphans' Home.....	99 91	Total.....	\$2,189 11

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. TAYLOR,
E. H. LEE,
H. F. MELTON.

The report was amended by directing that the surplus on hand be applied to the Corley Home Fund.

The report was ordered spread on the minutes.

The report of the Auditor was received as follows:

I find from the within:

Amount received.....	\$906 25
Paid out.....	901 39

Amount on hand.....\$ 4 86

Vouchers enclosed to cover payments.

J. E. PAULLIN, Auditor.

It was ordered spread on the minutes.

Bro. D. W. Hammack, Coleman, was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Any member visiting a sister Association is authorized to report himself as a correspondent.

The time of the next meeting was fixed, as heretofore, on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October. The place selected is Mt. Hebron, Randolph county.

The report on Sunday-schools was received as follows:

In Sunday-school work the Bible is the recognized text book—a book attractive with folk lore, song, story, impassioned sermon, tender idyl, philosophic meditation, dramatic poem, pious hymn, all permeated by a religious spirit, a faith ruling reason and heart, a book full of charms for all. Create a reverence for the Bible, and the love for it increases. It is not, upon the whole, hard to understand. The difficult places rarely come up in Sunday-school work, consequently even the common people can do much of the teaching and do it effectively. It is verily a message from God to man, and to every man, irrespective of condition or the time of his living. It is needful to all, and the duty of teaching falls upon the church and upon every member of every church. The Sunday-school work enables the church to so divide its congregation and field work as to reach both the saints and the outside world.

The children are recognized, in main, as the beneficiaries of the Sunday-school work. Our success with them lies much in the manner in which we present these truths to that class of us. They should not be impressed that, because, perchance, they are the children of church people or the members of the Sunday-school work, they are either hot-bed plants or the nursery of the church upon which the church is dependent for support. They should be made to feel their great need, as lost sinners, of a knowledge of God's word, of the cleansing power of the H. S. This makes it necessary for us to use that literature most appropriate for the individual field. While our Sunday-school Board furnishes a literature upon the International Sunday-school Book equal to any, it by no means does away with the Catechism and Bible work. In fact, we are persuaded that much more effective work could be done, and that bet-

ter results would come to us, if we did more catechetical teaching. Perhaps the greatest hindrance to the Sunday-school cause in many of our churches lies at the feet of the teaching force. We recommend that pastors urge upon this class the practice of more prayerful and close application to the study of God's word as a whole, particularly of the Sunday-school lesson. Furthermore, that no opportunity for presenting our doctrines be allowed to pass.

Respectfully, J. I. D. MILLER, Chairman.

It was adopted.

Recognized Rev. R. B. Taylor from the Summer Hill. Read the letters from Hilton and Herod churches. Directed the clerk to print as many minutes as the fund sent would authorize and to distribute them proportionately. Directed the amount sent for Associational Fund be paid to the clerk.

Bro. J. E. Paullin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we return to our Bro. J. W. Stanford our most hearty thanks for his voluntary and untiring efforts in raising a fund for the purchase of a home for the daughters of our late Bro. J. H. Corley; which, from the fact of his well-known ability and past success in such matters, assures the success of the enterprise, and that we request him to continue his efforts in this direction until it is complete.

The clerk was instructed to print, with the minutes, the minutes of the Ladies' Missionary Society.

The following petition was offered by Rev. J. I. D. Miller at the request of the churches named:

Resolution adopted by the General Meeting of Bethel Association, in session at Bethany church, Baker county:

Resolved, That we request brethren from the churches of Bethel Association and such others as may feel favorable to the movement to petition the next meeting of the Bethel Association to pledge and raise \$300 or more to be expended by the State Board in this section of the state.

Churches and Messengers: Hillside—B. F. Bailey, Jack Gassett; Damascus (Early county)—S. M. Kirksey; Bethany—E. B. Goff, E. C. Grant; Arlington—Rev. J. I. D. Miller; Mt. Hebron—W. B. Shepherd, Rev. J. A. Rooks; Bethel—J. T. Nelson, B. Hatcher.

Bro. J. S. Knowles moved to make the amount \$400, which was carried and the resolution adopted.

Rev. G. R. Bisby offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the following subjects be added by the Clerk to the Associational Letter blanks, and that the Clerks of churches be requested to fill them out in their annual Church Letter to the Association:

Value of Church Property; Permanent Improvements; Church Expenses; Miscellaneous.

At eleven o'clock the business session was continued till adjournment.

Dr. J. W. Stanford made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE:—At the last session the Association pledged itself to send Bro. Sullivan to Mercer University. About January 1st he announced himself ready to go. No funds had been provided. The Executive Committee was appealed to and urged by the Moderator to move in the matter, as it was their duty to do so. His efforts were without success. In order to protect the honor and integrity of the Association until it met again, he and I volunteered to go before the churches, present the matter as it was, and ask contributions for this purpose. Bro. Sullivan was entered promptly at Bethel College, where he now is, and has been all the year, preparing for Mercer. We

are glad to report that the churches received us gladly and contributed to this noble purpose generously. We have collected and disbursed the following amounts:

Rec'd from Bethel (Rand.).....	\$11 70	Rec'd from Sasser	\$ 3 00
" " Coleman.....	10 00	" " Ft. Gaines.....	10 00
" " Benevolence.....	7 05	" " Cedar Springs.....	5 00
" " Shellman	5 00	" " Vilulah.....	2 35
" " Herod	8 15	" " Rehobeth.....	5 00
" " Blakely.....	5 31	" " L'dies' Aid Soc., Cuth.	4 00
" " " Mis. Society ..	3 15	" " Colomokee.....	3 42
" " Damascus (Early) ...	2 50	" " Morgan.....	2 50
" " Milford.....	75	" " N. T. Spivey.....	1 00
" " Mt. Hebron.....	5 25		

Total cash received\$95 13

Total disbursed to date\$63 75

Total Cash on hand.....\$31 38

Respectfully submitted, W. H. PATTERSON,
J. W. STANFORD.

Rev. G. R. Bisby moved that the matter of the education of Brethren S. F. Sullivan and W. D. Peak be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The motion was carried.

It was moved that the churches be recommended to finish paying the amount due Bro. Hepburn. A cash collection was taken of \$25.55.

The following resolution was offered and referred to the Executive Committee:

Whereas, We find that in the bounds of this Association there are many destitute places, and families without the Bible and other religious literature, and their children growing up in ignorance of God's truth;

Resolved, That this Association employ a Colporteur to sell Bibles and other religious literature within the bounds of the Association.

A collection was taken in cash of \$23.82 for Bro. Simeon Moore.

It was ordered that the State Mission Funds on hand be directed to the destitute field mentioned in the former petition.

Bro. J. W. Stanford offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved 1st, That we heartily endorse the movement now being made by the President, Trustees and friends of Mercer University, all over the state, to raise fifty thousand dollars for the endowment fund of that institution.

Resolved 2d, That each pastor having a church within the bounds of the Bethel Association pledge himself to take a collection for Mercer at his EARLIEST opportunity, not later than March 1st, 1901. And they be requested to invite some member of the Central or Associational Committee to be present, if needed, and assist, by address or any other way desired, in the taking of this collection.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. STANFORD,
J. I. D. MILLER,
W. D. HAMMACK,
Associational Committee.

Bro. Kenney took a cash collection of \$6.39 for Providence Church. Adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the people of this community for their unbounded entertainment of the Association during our present session.

Read and adopted the minutes, called the roll, and adjourned. While the song, "God be with you till we meet again," was being sung the congregation gave each other the parting hand and were dismissed with prayer.

W. H. PATTERSON, D. D.,

L. A. DUGGAN, Clerk.

Moderator,

WOMAN'S WORK.

During the General Meeting which was held in the Fort Gaines Baptist church the latter part of last April, the visiting sisters, together with other sisters of said church, realizing the fact that the work for our Master in this part of His vineyard needed enlarging, and also that "the harvest truly is great and the laborers few," decided to organize a "Woman's Missionary Union," auxiliary to the Bethel Association, thinking it would be the means through which the Master's work might be enlarged and much good accomplished. The following ladies were elected as officers of this Union:

Mrs. M. Watts, Shellman, Ga., President; Mrs. D. M. Davidson, Georgetown, Ga., Vice-President; Miss Kittie Powell, Blakely, Ga., Treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Paullin, Fort Gaines, Ga., Secretary.

Our first regular meeting, therefore, was held in Sasser, Ga., October 31st, 1900. Meeting called to order by President; devotional exercises; prayer by Mrs. J. E. Paullin; roll call. A paper written and read by our President, urging the sisters to more active work and more liberal giving for Missions, was very much appreciated by all present.

Reports from different Missionary Societies represented was next in order. Georgetown, Shellman, Coleman, Dover and Fort Gaines were the only ones represented. This being our first meeting since the Union was organized, many Missionary Societies of other churches in Bethel Association knew nothing of what had been done.

Missionary literature was then distributed.

No other business, meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. E. PAULLIN, Secretary.

Mrs. M. WATTS,

President.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association, and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches, nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will be only an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot or otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject, or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall have no voice in determining questions, except in case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it, when required, and shall print and distribute the minutes among the several churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall, from time to time, appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association, through her Executive Committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled as messengers are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This constitution and rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of three members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, fill

any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

ART. 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

ART. 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the Gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

ART. 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART. 8. We believe in the "perseverance of the saints"; that all those who are truly regenerated and born again will ultimately be saved in heaven; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons.

ART. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

ART. 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and have been legally baptized.

ART. 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

REGULATION SCHEDULE.

ASSOCIATIONS.												
SEC-TIONS.	JAN'Y	FEB'Y	M'CH	A'PT.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Coosa, Chattooga, Floyd Co., Gordon Co., North Ga., Salem, Coosawattee.	A	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn
Mountain Town, Ellijay, Jasper, Notla River, Hiwassee, N. Union, Morgan'th Polk Co., Mid. Cherokee, Noonday, Harmony, Tallapoosa, P. Valley, N. Hope.	B	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.
Highower, Chatahoochee, Roswell, Lawrenceville, Clarkesville, Chestatee.	C	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.
Mountain United, Tugalo, Hebron, Mulberry, Liberty, Appalachee.	D	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn
Carrollton, Concord, Fairburn, Western, Central Western, Bethlehem.	E	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.
Stone Mountain, South River, Second Georgia, Centennial.	F	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn
Central, Georgia, Washington, Sarepta.	G	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn
Rehobeth, Houston, Columbus, Pine Mountain, Flint River, Mallary.	H	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.
Summer Hill, Bethel, Bowen, Friendship, Tucker, S. Western, Mercer.	I	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn
Mell, Lit. River, N. Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Mt. Vernon, Daniel, Middle, Hephzibah.	J	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	M. E.
Consolation, Piedmont, Miller, Homer-ville, Smyrna, N. Sunberry, Bapt Union	K	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.
	L	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn

EXPLANATIONS.

Observe as to abbreviations—M. U., Mercer University; Mssn., Missions; M. E., Ministerial Education; I. M., Indigent Ministers; O. H., Orphans' Home.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.
*Arlington ...	Calhoun	J I D Miller....	S T Nance.....	Arlington
*Bethel	Clay		J C Camp.....	Womack
Benevolence ..	Randolph	M B L Binion..	O A Harris.....	Benevolence ...
Bethany.....	Baker	J W Sauls.....	W A White....	Peace
Beulah.....	Early	J G Corley.....	J L Kelly.....	Cedar Springs.
Blakely	Early	W H Patterson	H B Buchanan..	Blakely
Bluffton	Clay	J I D Miller....	J A Killingsw'b	Bluffton.....
Coleman	Randolph	W W Arnold...	A J Jones.....	Coleman
Colomokee ...	Early	J G Corley.....	J C Balkcom...	Blakely
Cuthbert.....	Randolph	W L Culbertson	T F Moody.....	Cuthbert.....
Damascus.....	Early	R C Pool.....	J N Eyans.....	Blakely
Damascus.....	Randolph	J W Martin....	J T Peak.....	Cuthbert.....
Dover	Terrell	W W Mabry...	W S Thornton..	Doverel.....
Elim	Calhoun	W D Hammack	C H Knighton..	Shellman
Enon.....	Quitman	J S Knowles...	J C Moore.....	Hatchers.....
Enterprise....	Clay	J E Dikes.....	E W Richardson	Moye.....
Fort Gaines...	Clay	G R Bisby.....	J H Fulford....	Fort Gaines...
Friendship....	Randolph	W D Hammack	W M Faircloth..	Shellman.....
Georgetown ...	Quitman	W S Rogers....	F M Bledsoe...	Georgetown ...
Herod	Terrell	W H Patterson	H F Melton....	Herod
*Hillside.....	Early			
Hilton.....	Early	J W Sauls.....	J M Pate.....	Hilton
Leary.....	Calhoun	R C Pool.....	B I Keel.....	Leary
Lebanon	Terrell	J W Martin....	R J Grier.....	Sasser
Midway	Clay	W A Mabry....	T J Methvin...	Georgetown ...
Milford	Baker	R C Pool.....	J J Warren....	Milford
Morgan	Calhoun	J W Newsome..	C B Weaver....	Morgan
Mt. Gilead....	Clay.....	J L Pate.....	C C Lindsey...	Fort Gaines...
Mt. Hebron...	Miller	W O Crumbley	W B Shepherd..	Eugene
Mt. Hebron...	Randolph	J G Corley.....	Nelson Fellows	Grubbs
Mt. Vernon...	Clay		J B Wiles.....	Zetto
*Mt. Zion....	Clay		Oscar Beard....	Blakely
New Bethel...	Randolph	M B L Binion..	R Ferguson....	Shellman
New Hope....	Early	J E Dikes.....	S L Houston...	Fitz Hugh....
Pine View....	Early	W O Crumbley	J Q Scarb'rough	Blakely
Providence ...	Early		W E Hayes.....	
Rehobeth.....	Randolph	J G Corley.....	O H Callaway..	Shellman.....
Salem.....	Calhoun	J S Knowles...	I B Manry.....	Edison.....
Shellman	Randolph	Z T Weaver....	C F Payne.....	Shellman.....
Shiloh	Clay	J S Knowles...	J N Stanford...	Morris.....
Spring Vale...	Randolph	B Broome.....	E H Lee.....	Spring Vale...
Vilulah	Randolph	J W Martin....	B C Joiner.....	Coleman

*No letter. Statistics taken from last Minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.		Rec'd by Letter.		Restored.		Dism'd by Letter.		Excluded.		Dead.		No. of Members.	Days of Meeting.
J I D Miller.....													75	4
Not represented.....														
W A George, W D Fort, W S Keese, John Dale....			7				9	3					94	1
Not represented.....			2					2	1				46	2
Not represented.....			2		3								39	2
W H Patterson, W A Boyett.....	10		22			4	2	1					131	2 4
Bob Harris, A D Ingraham, Frank Singleton.....	4		4			7							70	2
D W Hammock, J S Knowles, L A Duggan.....			3			5			1				89	4
J G Corley, W J Jordan, J M Balkcom.....			5	1		39	2	2					79	4
T F Moody, W L Culbertson, E W Childs, J W Stan-	8		12			24							184	1 2 3 4
C E Jones, R C Pool, B M George[ford, W Z T Bridges			4					1					22	
J T Peak, W D Peak, I R Bridges.....	6		1			2							126	2
W S Thornton, S M Patrick, John McCree.....			2	1		7		2					67	2
W E Knighton, Preston Sauls, W H Johnson, Thad	5					9		2					84	3
T G Pinkston.....[Sauls	5		2	1		4		1					75	1
J H T McKinnon, A H Richardson.....			1			4							69	1
G R Bisby, J E Paullin.....	2		10			7	1	2					144	1 2 3 4
J F Bynum, J D Melton.....	3			1		4							78	1
W B Tye.....			3			5	2	2					73	3
J H McClendon, H F Melton, H P Haas, W L	3		10	1		2	2						91	3
Not represented.....[Mathis, S Moore													42	
Not represented.....			6			1	1						23	1
C B George.....			2			1		2					26	4
J W Sears, R M Anthony, W H Turner, B F Todd..	1		1			3	3	1					49	1
J W Boyett, W E Gay, A T King.....	5												48	2
J H Goodman, Frank Griffin.....			1			1							38	2
J C Price, C H Gee, J C Clowers.....	2		5			4	1						118	3
R L Shaw, Linton Peterson.....						2	1	2					61	3
L M Free, W B Moody.....													56	3
J W Sauls, J W Martin, G R Swan, E B Bass.....	2					10	1	1					175	1
Not represented.....			1			6	1						53	2
Not represented.....													58	
J Martin, J M Taylor, R Ferguson, J H Manry, R C	2		4			5		1					138	3
J A George, G R Watson, Henry Houston..[White	4		9	2		3	1	1					136	4
W O Crumbley, L E Hay.....	2		7			4	5						62	1
W J Kenney.....														
J L Lunsford, R L Compton, E Callaway.....	6		8			11	1	2					101	3
J B Turner, W B Joiner, T O Lawrence.....	9		5			5							172	4
Z T Weaver, J B Payne, W R Curry, R B Martin..	12		6			9	1						84	2 4
J N Stanford..	2		1			2		3					84	3
J N Masee, A H Teel, E H Lee, Hugh Sparks....	4		5			6							78	3
B E Joiner, G L Ragan, J L McFather.....	8		6			9		2					130	3

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Arlington	Calhoun	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 4 15	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50
Benevolence	Randolph	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Bethel	Clay					
Beulah	Early	50	50	2 00	2 00	3 00
Blakely	Early	1 50	1 00	6 97	6 97	6 97
Bluffton	Clay	1 00	1 00	6 60	6 10	6 10
Coleman	Randolph	75	75			2 23
Colomokee	Early	1 00	50	9 00	9 00	10 00
Cuthbert	Randolph	2 00	1 00			
Damascus	Early	50	50	1 00	1 00	2 00
Damascus	Randolph	75	75	2 00	1 50	1 50
Dover	Terrell	1 00	1 00	4 00	3 00	4 00
Elim	Calhoun	75	50	50	3 00	
Enon	Quitman	50	75	1 35	1 35	1 35
Enterprise	Clay	50	50	2 50	1 00	
Fort Gaines	Clay	1 50	1 00			2 00
Friendship	Randolph	80	75	6 00	6 00	8 23
Georgetown	Quitman	75		18 80	18 00	18 00
Herod	Terrell	1 00	1 00	9 83	9 83	3 65
Hillside	Early	25		50		
Hilton	Early	50	25		2 00	
Leary	Calhoun	50	25	1 00	1 00	1 00
Lebanon	Terrell	1 00	75	3 95	3 95	42 10
Midway	Clay	50	1 00	10 69	10 69	4 43
Milford	Baker	60	25	75	1 00	
Morgan	Calhoun	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Mt. Gilead	Clay	75	50	3 25		
Mt. Hebron	Miller	75	75	2 85	2 85	2 85
Mt. Hebron	Randolph	1 50	1 00		14 00	10 00
*Mt. Vernon	Clay					
Mt. Zion	Clay					
New Bethel	Randolph	1 50	1 00	10 00	5 00	5 00
New Hope	Early	1 50	50	2 00	1 50	
Pine View	Early	50	25	2 00	2 00	
Rehobeth	Randolph	1 00	50	4 00		
Salem	Calhoun	1 00	1 00	20 00	10 00	10 00
Shellman	Randolph	1 00	50	29 26	29 26	29 26
Shiloh	Clay	50	1 00	13 57	7 50	8 50
Spring Vale	Randolph	75	75	10 00	15 00	15 00
Vilulah	Randolph	1 50	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Bethany	Baker	50	25			
Providence	Early	50	50			
		\$24 40	\$26 50	\$212 52	\$190 00	\$214 67

Public collections.....\$22 85

Mt. Vernon letter, received after adjournment, contained 10 00

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Indigent Ministers.	Mercer University.	Bethel College.	Orphans' Home.	Colportage Fund.	Previously Sent Up.	Corley Fund.	Texas Sufferers.	Bro. Hepburn.	Bro. Sullivan.	Grand Total.
\$ 2 50	\$ 5 00	\$.....	\$ 1 50	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 19 15
2 50	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	46 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	71 10
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00
10 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 46	.....	.....	.....	.....	242 14
3 52	.....	.....	5 00	.....	18 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 57
.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	86 27	5 00	.....	3 00	.....	100 00
.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	5 00	8 00	.....	.....	49 10
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	104 55
1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	8 50
.....	.....	.....	1 85	.....	46 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 85
3 00	1 55	.....	3 00	.....	13 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 90
50	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	8 75
.....	1 35	.....	4 00	.....	4 60	1 35	.....	.....	.....	16 60
.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 50
.....	.....	.....	23 00	.....	326 85	81	.....	.....	.....	345 16
.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 78
1 90	.....	.....	1 00	70	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	64 15
9 83	.....	.....	9 81	.....	9 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 10
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 40
.....	63	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	5 38
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 75
.....	.....	.....	3 35	.....	4 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 41
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 60
.....	4 00	.....	1 85	.....	29 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 85
50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00
.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	27 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 50
.....
.....
3 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	62 32	3 02	.....	.....	.....	103 34
26	.....	.....	2 65	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 51
60	.....	.....	2 00	.....	3 75	50	.....	.....	.....	11 60
.....	3 50	.....	.....	4 00	7 45	50	.....	.....	.....	21 15
.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	27 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	72 35
11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	82 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	182 98
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 12	5 83	.....	.....	.....	52 02
.....	5 00	.....	10 00	.....	20 50	4 80	.....	4 00	6 00	91 80
5 00	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	40	.....	4 15
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
\$57 58	\$27 03	\$3 00	\$99 91	\$4 70	\$1254 09	\$35 81	\$8 00	\$7 40	\$6 00	\$2,180 71

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Wm. H. Patterson, D. D., Blakely, Ga.
G. R. Bisby, Fort Gaines, Ga.
J. L. Pate, Bluffton, Ga.
J. W. Martin, Cuthbert, Ga.
W. D. Hammack, Coleman, Ga.
J. W. Nichols, Coleman, Ga.
Charles Hepburn, Fort Gaines, Ga.
W. O. Crumbley, Blakely, Ga.
C. H. Knighton, Shellman, Ga.
Z. T. Weaver, Shellman, Ga.
John Martin, Bethel, Ga.
J. J. King, Blakely, Ga.
J. G. Corley, Blakely, Ga.
J. I. D. Miller, Arlington, Ga.
J. W. Sauls, Lodrick, Ga.
J. E. Dikes, Fitz Hugh, Ga.
J. A. Rocks, Colquitt, Ga.
R. C. Pool, Damascus, Ga.
J. S. Knowles, Coleman, Ga.
S. F. Sullivan, Blakely, Ga.
C. E. Jones, Damascus, Ga.
W. L. Culbertson, Cuthbert, Ga.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt an Order of Business for the present Session.
4. Read the Church Letters.
5. Hear Application for Membership.
6. Fix the Hours for Meeting and Adjourning.
7. Appoint Committee to report at the present Session, namely: (1) On Preaching; (2) on Finance; (3) on Auditing; (4) on Digest of Letters from the Churches and State of the Churches; (5) on Nominations (to Preach Introductory and Mission Sermons at next Session, Delegates to the State Convention, Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College, and Executive Committee).
8. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational Enterprises, and Visitors.
9. Hear the Report of the Treasurer.
10. Hear the Report of the Executive Committee.
11. Hear the Report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
12. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) on Missions; (2) on Sunday-schools; (3) on Temperance; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries; (6) on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches; (7) on Nominations; (8) on Finance; (9) on Auditing Committee.
13. Elect Treasurer.
14. Appoint Correspondents.
15. Fix the Time and Place of holding next Session.
16. Appoint Committees to report next Session: (1) on Missions; (2) on Temperance; (3) on Sunday-schools; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries; (6) on Orphans' Home.
17. Call for Applications for Dismissions.
18. Arrange for Printing the Minutes and for the Clerk's Fee.
19. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH, RANDOLPH COUNTY, GA.,

OCTOBER 29TH, 30TH AND 31ST, 1901.

OFFICERS:

MODERATOR—REV. Z. T. WEAVER,	-	-	-	Shellman, Ga.
CLERK—BRO. L. A. DUGGAN,	-	-	-	Cuthbert, Ga.
TREASURER—BRO. D. W. HAMMACK,	-	-	-	Coleman, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BRO. J. W. STANFORD, BRO. J. E. PAULLIN, BRO. W. R. CURRY.

**Next Session Meets with Bluffton Church, Bluffton, Clay County, Ga., on
Tuesday After the Fourth Sunday in October, 1902.**

Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.

J. S. Knowles, Coleman, Ga.
J. W. Stanford, Cuthbert, Ga.
W. Z. T. Bridges, Cuthbert, Ga.
Henry Turner, Edison, Ga.
J. C. Martin, Cuthbert, Ga.
G. R. Bisby, Fort Gaines, Ga.
D. W. Hammack, Coleman, Ga.
W. L. Culbertson, Cuthbert, Ga.
W. W. Binion, Benevolence, Ga.
J. J. Beck, Morgan, Ga.
J. C. Mansfield, Bluffton, Ga.
Joe Ray, Fort Gaines, Ga.
B. W. Davis, Blakely, Ga.
E. W. Childs, Cuthbert, Ga.
W. R. Curry, Shellman, Ga.
I. L. Balkcom, Georgetown, Ga.
B. W. Ellis, Cuthbert, Ga.
C. W. Martin, Shellman, Ga.
W. T. Jay, Shellman, Ga.
Henry Manry, Bethel, Ga.
J. W. Newsome, Georgetown, Ga.
A. H. Teel, Morris, Ga.
C. H. Gee, Morgan, Ga.
H. P. Haas, Herod, Ga.

MINUTES.

MT. HEBRON CHURCH, Randolph Co., Ga., Oct. 29th, 1901.

The Sixty-Ninth Session of THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met according to appointment with this church, and after a prayer service led by Rev. W. W. Mabry, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. L. Culbertson, from Ex., 33-14

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock by the Clerk, on account of the death of the Moderator, Dr. W. H. Patterson. Rev. W. H. Norton led in prayer. The roll was called and corrected. The body then proceeded to the election, by ballot, of a Moderator. The nominees were Rev. Z. T. Weaver, Rev. W. L. Culbertson and Rev. G. R. Bisby. Brethren G. R. Swan, J. E. Paullin and A. E. Keese were appointed to act as tellers.

Upon motion it was decided to elect by a majority vote of the messengers.

Directed that the name receiving the lowest number of votes be stricken from the second ballot, if a second ballot be necessary. Rev. Z. T. Weaver was elected upon the first ballot. L. A. Duggan was re-elected clerk by acclamation.

Adopted the Order of Business as printed in the minutes of last session.

Dr. S. Y. Jameson and Bro. J. W. Stanford were appointed to collect and read the church letters.

The churches, Bluffton and Shiloh, invited the next session of the Association.

Morris church, at Morris, Quitman county, applied for membership, and upon motion a committee, consisting of brethren A. E. Keese, W. L. Culbertson and J. I. D. Miller, was appointed to inquire into their articles of faith.

Fixed the hours for meeting at 9 o'clock, a. m., and 1:30 p. m., and for adjourning 10:50 a. m., and at will in the afternoon.

The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—The Pastor and Messengers of Mt. Hebron, with brethren W. R. Curry and John Henier.

On Finance—J. M. Taylor, H. F. Melton and W. H. Ferguson.

Auditing—G. R. Bisby.

Welcomed the following brethren as correspondents, etc.:

Dr. S. Y. Jameson, Secretary State Board of Missions, Dr. Jas. B. Taylor for the Orphans' Home, Rev. J. A. Harris for the Christian Index, Rev. W. H. Norton from Rehoboth Association, Revs. W. W. Mabry and J. E. Lunsford from Sumner Hill Association, Revs. R. A. Morgan, M. B. L. Binion, W. A. Mabry and H. L. Crumbley from

the Friendship Association, Rev. B. Broome, from the Eufaula Association, and representing the Foreign Mission Journal. The hour, 2:30 p. m., tomorrow, was made the special order to hear Dr. Jameson; 10:20 a. m., was made the special order to hear Dr. Jas. B. Taylor in behalf of the Orphans' Home; 9:30 was made the special order to hear the report of the committee on Education, and the report of the Trustees of Bethel College; 10:15 was given to hear Bro. J. A. Harris for the Christian Index. The session then adjourned.

The committee on Preaching, announced that according to appointment Rev. G. R. Bisby would preach the Missionary Sermon in the church building and Dr. S. Y. Jameson would preach in the school house.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Bro. Weaver read the 23rd Psalm and Rev. T. N. Coleman led in prayer.

Called and corrected the roll.

Dispensed with reading the minutes of previous session.

The following committees were appointed:

On Digest of Letters—J. G. Corley, W. J. Jordan.

On Nominations—W. S. Keese, A. D. Ingram, J. W. Newsome.

Welcomed the following brethren: Rev. N. R. Sanborn from Friendship and Rev. T. N. Coleman from Summer Hill Associations; Dr. Harvey Hatcher, representing the American Baptist Publication Society.

Received Treasurer's report and referred it to the Auditor:

D. W. HAMMOCK, Treasurer,
In Account with Bethel Baptist Association
D.R.

Nov. 1, 1900.	To Amount from Financial Committee.....	\$975 81
" 2, "	To Amount Mt Vernon Church.....	10 00
Dec. 18, "	To Amount Mt Zion Church, (Home Mission) Jameson.....	3 33

\$989 14

C.R.

Nov. 3, 1900.	By L. A. Duggan's Services.....	\$ 26 50
" " "	By L. A. Dungan for Minutes.....	24 40
" 12, "	By State Missions.....	212 52
" " "	By Home Missions.....	192 00
" " "	By Foreign Missions.....	214 67
" " "	By Indigent Ministers.....	58 83
" " "	By Mercer University.....	27 03
" " "	By Orphans' Home.....	99 91
" " "	By Texas Sufferers.....	8 00
" 13, "	By Bethel College.....	3 00
" " "	By Colportage Fund.....	4 70
" " "	By Corley Fund.....	35 81
" " "	By Hepburn Fund, by Letters.....	7 40
" " "	By Hepburn Fund Collected at Association.....	25 55
" " "	By Rev. Sullivan.....	6 00
Dec. 13, "	By Amount in Ck. to Stanford, not previously disposed of...	39 49
Jan. 1, 1901,	By Amount to S. Y. Jameson.....	3 33

\$989 14

Heard report of Executive Committee as follows: It was adopted.

Your Executive Committee beg to submit the following report:

We appointed Rev. C. E. Jones, of Damascus, Early county, Colporteur for the Associational Year. As we had neither funds or books that could be used for this purpose, Bro. Jones took the work on its merits. His report to us, which we submit below, shows that he has done good work. We would be glad if his services could be remunerated by a public collection or in some other way. He says: "I have travelled 2,980 miles; Bibles sold 80; Sermons preached 60; Schools lectured 175; Families visited 124; Bibles given away 10; Testaments given away 60; Couples married 2; Deacons ordained 1; Sunday schools organized 2; Talks to young Christians 6; Sold Life of Thomas Muse 4; I have given the greater portion of my time to Mission Work. I believe a great deal of good has been accomplished for the cause of Christ."

Our two Ministerial students, brethren S. F. Sullivan and W. D. Peak, are now, and have been at Bethel College since your last session. We have collected for them the following amounts:

Damascus, Randolph.....	\$13 20	Enon.....	1 23
Vilulah.....	5 00	Elim.....	5 00
Cuthbert.....	30 00	Shellman.....	15 00
Doyer.....	5 00	Benevolence.....	15 00
Spring Vale.....	4 10	Mt. Hebron, Miller.....	5 00
New Hope, Early.....	5 00	Milford.....	1 00
Herod.....	5 00	D. W. Hammock, Treasurer.....	9 00
New Bethel.....	10 05	Ladies Aid Society, Cuthbert.....	2 65
Fort Games.....	15 00	Amount from last Association.....	31 38
Friendship.....	5 05		
Coleman.....	15 00	Total received.....	\$216 41
Salem.....	10 00	Amount paid out.....	200 70
Pine View.....	5 00		
Damascus, Early.....	3 75	Balance on hand.....	\$ 15 71

After mature thought, we desire to make the following recommendations: That a standing committee of three, consisting of G. R. Bisby, J. S. Knowles and A. E. Keese, be appointed to thoroughly examine all applicants, that may, in the future, come, or be recommended to, this Association, for ministerial aid. And that aid be granted such persons as they, in their wisdom, after examination, recommend. That this committee have the power to fill vacancies that may arise from any cause, in the committee, and make their report annually to this Association.

We also recommend that a standing committee consisting of three, be appointed annually, by the Moderator, to be known as the General Meeting Committee, whose duty it shall be to select places and prepare and print programs for each General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STANFORD,
J. E. PAULLIN,
W. R. CURRY, } Committee.

The report of Trustees of Bethel College was read as follows:

Fifty years ago our fathers founded Bethel College. During this half century the Bethel Association has maintained the college and directed its affairs. It has lived through all the vicissitudes and dangers of war, reconstruction and poverty, because founded in righteousness and built on love, "the eternal years of God are her's."

Since the last session of this body, several matters of great importance to our college have occurred. 1st. At the close of the Fall term of 1900 President Maury resigned. The Trustees elected Dr. A. E. Keese to succeed him, for the space of one year, with the privilege of five. At the earnest solicitation of the Board, Dr. Keese accepted the position, and on Jan. 21st, 1901, entered upon the discharge of his duties. 2nd. On the 25th of April of the present year the college building and contents were destroyed by fire. 3rd. A meeting of the Board of Trustees was immediately called, and appointed J. W. Stanford, J. E. Paullin and A. E. Keese as a Building Committee, directing them to dispose of the old college lot and boarding house, and purchase a new site, and erect on it a building suitable to the present needs of the institution. The Committee secured the lot known as the Taylor or Gamble place, consisting of about seven acres of ground in the heart of the city of Cuthbert, and a commodious boarding house, much larger than we had before, and have erected a handsome, commodious, modern two story brick-veneer building. It is a building of which the Baptists of this Association and section of the State may feel proud. In appearance, size and equipment, it meets not only present needs, but will meet our requirements for a generation to come. The property is well worth \$12,000, and is insured

for \$6,000. Besides the four large class rooms below, that will hold easily fifty pupils each, seated with the latest improved desks, with spacious hallways, we have upstairs a library room, a laboratory room, and a main auditorium, with a seating capacity, easily, of 400, and on a squeeze 500 persons. Here the boys will gather each morning for devotional exercises, led in music by Prof. Von Hofe, on an organ, so generously donated by the Putnum Organ Co., and using song books and bible donated by the American Baptist Publication Society, to Bethel College. Also the entertainments and lectures will be given there.

Of Dr. Keese, as a teacher, we need not speak. Reared among us, graduating at Mercer with distinction, he has been recognized throughout this section, for the past 25 years, as a successful teacher. At great personal sacrifice he has given his energy and time to Bethel's needs during this year. His past experience, especially in building up denominational school work, renders him most valuable in our present needs. He has associated with him, that prince of orators, Prof. Mark Bolding, who graduated from both the literary and law departments of Mercer University, and who won for that institution the oratorical medal over all the colleges in the state. Also Prof. T. H. Wilkinson of Mercer, Capt. H. D. Gurley of Dahlgren, and Miss Bessie Baldwin of the State Normal. These are competent, conscientious teachers. With commodious school rooms, modern equipments, large and thoroughly competent Faculty, Bethel College offers better advantages now than ever in its history.

While our property is paid for and unincumbered, we need some money for repairing our boarding house and enlargement and fuller equipment. In buying our new property, and rebuilding our college, we have not asked the churches in the Association for one dollar. We bring to you, brethren, a splendid piece of property, and present to you the greatest opportunity the College has ever had. It rests with you to utilize for God's glory the remarkable advantages that surround you. We recommend:

1st. That the Bethel Association tender a half interest in Bethel College to the Friendship Association.

2nd. That the Executive Committee be instructed to raise funds necessary for the repairs and equipments. Respectfully submitted.

B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

J. W. STANFORD, Chm'n. Board Trustees

During an address by Dr. A. E. Keese the hour 10:15 having arrived, Rev. J. A. Harris spoke for the Christian Index. Suspended the regular order to hear the report of committee on the Orphans' Home as follows:

We have an Orphans' Home, situated at Hapeville, near Atlanta, on the Central Railroad. This Home is under the control of a Board of Managers and Trustees. Rev. J. B. Taylor is the General Superintendent. There are at present in the Home about one hundred inmates. No work among Baptists has had a more phenomenal success than in the care of our children.

The Orphans' Home is a part of our State Work, and every church is expected to do something for its support. Pastors are requested to carry this work before their Sunday schools, as children would like to help children. There are other institutions in the State that care for children. We would not discourage benevolence, but we would probably do more good if we would confine our gifts to our own institution.

No better use of money can be made than by taking care of fatherless and motherless children. We know not what may be the fate of some of our own loved ones. James says "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Thus the care for orphans is coupled with unspottedness. Respectfully submitted.

Z. T. WEAVER, Chairman.

Dr. Jas B. Taylor then gave a very interesting account of the Home. A contribution was made of \$21 85. The report was then adopted.

Bro. R. A. Morgan was given an opportunity to present the claims of Louvale church, and a collection was taken of \$5 01.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Rev. G. R. Bisby preached the Missionary Sermon from John 20-21. Dr. Jameson preached at the school house.

The Mission collection at both places amounted to \$19 04.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Bro. J. W. Sauls led in prayer.

The report on Education was received as follows :

The spirit of progress is in the air; every department of human effort has felt its life-giving touch. The demand therefore for the general education of our whole people is greater than ever before.

We can only hope to keep step with the march of human events by the education of our children. Those that are neglected not only limit the sphere of their own usefulness, but retard the progress of the whole country.

Too much stress cannot be placed upon our common schools. There ought to be created such a sentiment among our people that no white child, however poor, could grow to maturity without receiving, at least, the rudiments of an English education.

We are glad to note that the facilities for academic training are unusually good. Our own Bethel high school is doing excellent work and should be liberally patronized.

For the higher education of our boys, Mercer University stands without a rival.

We are gratified to learn that the effort to add \$50,000 endowment to that institution is an assured success. The noble part which the churches of our Association has borne in raising that amount should be a source of gratification to us all. Long may this glorious institution flourish, shedding its blessings upon our whole people.

We would call special attention to Monroe Female College, located at Forsyth. The young women of our state can secure first-class training at this institution at a nominal cost.

Let us be thoroughly alive to the education of all our people, recognizing that God requires every man to make the best use of the gifts with which he is endowed.

Respectfully submitted.

W. R. CURRY, Chairman.

Bro. A. E. Keese concluded his remarks. Brethren R. A. Morgan, D. W. Hammock, W. H. Norton and T. N. Coleman, also spoke on the report.

Suspended the special order for ten minutes to hear Dr. Hatcher for the American Baptist Publication Society. Made 9:30 tomorrow morning the hour to continue the subject of Education.

Suspended the special order to hear the report on Missions, as follows :

Missions mean the introduction and establishing of the Lord's word. The Lord has elected man as his means through whom he sends his word or message to men. A knowledge of the Bible, of the needs of men and loyalty to Christ will beget for this cause its needed support. Therefore that the spirit of Missions may continue to grow rapidly, as it has done the last two years in the Bethel Association, we recommend a more close and thorough study of the cause in the lights of the bible.

Respectfully submitted.

J. I. D. MILLER, Chairman.

Pending the motion to adopt the report, Dr. S. Y. Jameson addressed the body on the subject of Missions. Bro. R. A. Morgan also spoke and the report was then adopted.

Received the report on Sabbath Schools, as follows :

One of the most prominent characteristics of our times is an intense and seemingly increasing interest in the study of the Bible. The literator, the scientist, the infidel, the devout and consecrated are all, from their several points of view, delving for its hidden treasures.

As Baptists, a people who have always welcomed a reverent, prayerful and impartial study of God's Word, we have nothing to fear from such a movement. The Rock of Truth will ever stand secure, the popguns of infidelity, higher criticism, Christian Science, theosophy, spiritualism, and other isms to the contrary notwithstanding.

But while there is no danger threatening the Word, we as believers in the Word need to be on our guard lest we be led astray. The believer can not have a better bulwark against these evils than a thorough knowledge of Divine Truth. The Sunday school offers the opportunity, through the help of the Holy Spirit, of gaining this knowledge. There the adult followers of Jesus, led by the Spirit, may get that knowledge which will help them to grow to the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. There, too, the little mind, while yet untaught by the Spirit, may, under the guidance of the faithful and consecrated teach-

er, learn at least the letter of the Scriptures, and lay the foundation of a character upon which to build when God, in His mercy, shall have taught him to see things that are spiritually discerned.

It is pre-eminently the business of the Sunday school to teach the Bible. The Word of God is the text book. We are fortunate in having the excellent helps published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and by the American Baptist Publication Society, but let us be careful that these are used as helps and not as hindrances. The little child who is taught from Sunday to Sunday to answer certain questions on a certain something printed in his little pamphlet may, and often does, lose sight of the fact that he is studying the Bible. The wise teacher will have the child to see that these weekly lessons are not isolated stories, but component parts of the greatest Book in the world.

A very necessary adjunct to the Sunday school is a book of spiritual songs. By spiritual, we mean such songs as come within the intent and teaching of the Scriptures. Through song we unconsciously imbibe ideas that stay with us all our lives. Our Pedo-Baptist friends may well smile with joy when Baptist Sunday schools sing such songs as "Life is Like a Mountain Railway;" or again,

"A charge to keep I have,

A God to glorify,

A never dying soul to save,

And fit it for the sky."

But above all, the success of a Sunday school depends upon its teachers. The superintendent should be an efficient instrument in classifying and securing attendance of pupils, selecting teachers, etc., but after all success is not to be measured by the enrollment, but by the work done with the individual pupil. To do this work well the teacher must be a believer. Not only so but well versed in the Scriptures and grounded in the great doctrines of grace. Otherwise the pupil will become the hapless victim of blind leaders of the blind, and both at last be plunged into the ditch of error. Respectfully submitted.

E. W. CHILDS, Chairman of Com.

E. B. BASS.

The report was adopted after remarks by brethren B. W. Davis, J. W. Stanford, T. N. Coleman and W. H. Norton.

The session adjourned and was led in prayer by Rev. J. W. Martin.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Moderator read Mathew 26th, and Rev. John Martin led in prayer. Read and corrected minutes of previous session.

Received the report on Temperance as follows:

So long as the present age shall continue, so long as Christ shall delay his second coming, so long as Satan shall remain unchained, just so long may Christians expect a life of warfare. This truth applies not less to intemperance than to any other great question.

Doubtless it would not be well for us to conquer all the forces of evil, nor any one force fully. The fact that there is raging an undecided battle—even an interminable warfare—between the Captain of our salvation and the leader of darkness, should not discourage God's children, but should fire their hearts with a warmer zeal to stand valiantly under the banner of righteousness till their Captain shall say, "It is enough."

Within the bounds of our Association we have much cause for gratification and sincere thanksgiving. Clay county, which for years has been a stench in the nostrils of her own good citizens, on account of her licensed sale of liquors, against overwhelming odds, has won a most glorious victory for the Master. The hideous monster is threatening every home here represented. The Lord is on our side, how can we meet defeat? What Clay county has done, it would seem that any other county in Georgia can do in the name of the Lord.

We doubt not that the most of our churches in their decorum condemn drunkenness—some of us discipline brethren guilty of this disorder. Now we submit: If there were no dram-drinking, there could be no drunkenness. If drunkenness is wrong, dram-drinking, the cause of it, is wrong. Let us in our discipline strike at the very root of the evil. Let us educate our members and our young men early along these lines.

We beg brethren carefully and prayerfully to consider the great evil, particularly that compromise with the Devil embodied in the Dispensary system. Let us not be deceived.

We beg to call special attention to the resolutions and the amendment incorporated in the report on Temperance at our last meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. KEESE, Chairman.

For lack of time the report was adopted without discussion.

At 9:30 the special order, Bethel College and Education, was taken up. Brethren A. E. Keese, G. R. Bisby, E. D. Tolson, H. L. Crumbley, J. W. Stanford and D. W. Hammack discussed the report.

Discharged the regular order to adjourn at 10:50 and agreed to adjourn at will.

Moved and carried that speeches be confined to five minutes, and agreed to allow Bro. D. W. Hammack to speak again.

The previous question was called and sustained.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel College was adopted.

The report of Committee on Education was then adopted.

Received and adopted the report on Obituaries :

To the Bethel Association—Greeting: We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report that only one death has occurred in the ministerial ranks of your body during the last associational year; that of Rev. W. H. Patterson, D. D., who departed this life the 26th day of March, 1901. Bro. Patterson, besides being a former Moderator of this body, was a minister of unblemished christian character, a man of great usefulness, and whose death will be deeply felt.

We also beg leave to report the death of our former Treasurer, Dr. F. M. Bledsoe, which sad event occurred on the 19th of March, 1901. Bro. Bledsoe was an upright, christian gentleman, and will be greatly missed by the church as well as the community in which he lived. Respectfully submitted.

J. N. STANFORD }
J. H. MANRY, } Committee.
G. W. CORAM, }

Received and adopted report on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches :

The Committee on Digest of Letters, submits the following report: We find an increase in membership throughout the Association and a marked increase in Sabbath schools, and so far as we are able to ascertain, quite an increase in contributions to Missions, though some of the reports were separated from the letters. Respectfully submitted,

J. G. CORLEY,
W. J. JORDAN.

Suspended the regular order to hear from the clerk on granting excuses.

Suspended the regular order to hear the report of the committee on admission of Morris Baptist church. The church was received into the fellowship of Bethel Association.

Received and adopted the report of committee on Nominations :

Introductory Sermon—Rev. B. W. Davis, Blakely; alternate, Rev. R. C. Pool, Damascus.
Missionary Sermon—Dr. A. E. Keese, Cuthbert; alternate, Rev. W. O. Crumbley, Blakely.

Messengers to State Convention—D. W. Hammack, J. W. Stanford, J. E. Paullin, Henry Turner, W. L. Culbertson, J. S. Knowles, A. E. Keese, W. D. Hammack, B. W. Davis and J. B. George.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. G. R. Bisby; alternate, A. J. Jones.
Board of Trustees of Bethel College—J. S. Knowles, J. W. Stanford, W. Z. T. Bridges, Henry Turner, J. C. Martin, G. R. Bisby, D. W. Hammack, W. L. Culbertson, W. W. Binton, J. J. Beck, J. C. Mansfield, Joe Ray, B. W. Davis, E. W. Childs, W. R. Curry, I. L. Balkcom, B. W. Ellis, C. W. Martin, W. T. Jay, Henry Manry, J. W. Newsome, A. H. Teel, C. H. Gee and H. P. Haas.

Executive Committee—J. W. Stanford, J. E. Paullin and W. R. Curry.

W. S. KEESE, }
A. D. INGRAM, } Com.
J. W. NEWSOME, }

The report of Finance committee was received and ordered spread

on the minutes, and that the undirected funds be divided by Dr. S. Y. Jameson :

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to make the following report :

For Minutes.....	\$ 35 20	For Bethel College.....	23 90
" Associational Purposes.....	26 80	" Orphans' Home.....	85 29
" State Missions.....	162 31	" Monroe Female College.....	11 80
" Home Missions.....	153 91	" Canton Home.....	5 85
" Foreign Missions.....	241 88	" Dr. Ayers.....	5 80
" Indigent Ministers.....	41 45	Previously sent up.....	3,615 86
" Mercer University.....	23 50		
" Mercer Loan Fund.....	55 00	Total.....	\$4,488.55

Public Collections..... 19.04

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. TAYLOR,
W. H. FERGUSON, } Committee.
W. F. MELTON.

Received and adopted the report of the Auditor :

A careful examination of the Treasurer's report, shows the same to be correct

G. R. BISBY, Auditor.

Bro. D. W. Hammack was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation

Directed that any brother visiting a sister Association be authorized to present himself as a correspondent.

The usual time for meeting of next session was adopted, Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1902. Bluffton church was chosen as the place of next meeting

The Standing Committees were appointed, as follows :

Sabbath Schools—J. N. Stanford, A. H. Teel and C. H. Gee.

Missions—J. W. Stanford, John C. Price and J. M. Newton.

Temperance—D. W. Hammack, J. S. Knowles and W. R. Curry.

Education—A. E. Keese, G. R. Bisby and J. D. Gunn.

Obituaries—I. B. Maury, T. G. Pinkston and W. F. Moore

Orphans' Home—J. W. Martin, W. F. Davis and E. T. Murphy.

The clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed with the money sent for that purpose, and that he receive the amount sent for his services.

Bro. J. W. Stanford reported as follows, for Corley Monument Fund :

I beg to report the Corley Home completed and the family of our deceased brother, J. H. Corley comfortably occupying the same, since its completion early in the year. The deed to this property was made to J. W. Stanford, W. R. Curry and J. E. Paullin, your Executive Committee, as trustees for Bethel Association. This deed recites, that when this property is no longer used or needed as a home for the parties for whom it was built, it goes at once, without any process of law, to Mercer University. The property is well located, on one of the principal streets of Ft. Gaines, and is worth about one thousand dollars. Its value will doubtless increase from year to year as prosperity comes to this city and county, in which it is located, as it always does to those cities and counties blessed by prohibition.

I collected the following amounts from the churches and persons in this Association named below :

Fort Gaines Church.....	\$100 00	D. W. Hammack, Treasurer.....	39 49
Joe Ray.....	25 00	Benevolence.....	5 25
Cash Collection, last Association.....	3 80	Rehoboth.....	4 60
R. A. Morgan.....	5 00	D. W. Hammack, Treasurer.....	4 86
J. C. Price.....	5 00	Shellman.....	25 00
Cash.....	1 00	Cuthbert.....	30 90
Damascus Church, Randolph.....	2 62	Damascus, Early.....	4 50
D. W. Hammack, Treasurer.....	40 51	Enon.....	1 84
Morgan.....	5 00	Bluffton.....	6 10
Villulah.....	5 75	E. A. Jackson.....	5 00

Mt. Hébron.....	4 30	Coleman.....	4 30
W. B. Shepherd.....	2 10	Friendship.....	2 10
Dover.....	3 00	Blakely.....	25 00
New Bethel.....	17 25	Enon.....	2 96
Sasser.....	5 10		
Salem.....	5 60		
Colomokee.....	4 25	Total.....	\$397 18

In conclusion, I wish to say, the Home is neatly painted, the paint being generously donated by the F. Hammer Paint Co., of St. Louis, Mo., to whom thanks are due for their liberal donation. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STANFORD.

It was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes.

The clerk was directed to have printed the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union. The following resolution was offered and carried by a unanimous standing vote :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered Mt. Hebron church, Randolph county, and vicinity, for the generous hospitality accorded us.

The clerk was instructed to procure and distribute the blank form of letter recommended by the Georgia Baptist Convention, and request the churches to use them.

The Executive Committee was made Committee on General Meeting.

A committee of three brethren, A. J. Jones, J. D. Gunn and G. R. Bisby, was appointed, whose duty it is to inquire as to the advisability of extending further aid to the two ministerial students now at Bethel and to report to the Executive Committee.

Ordered that no member be excused in future without providential cause. Bro. J. W. Martin offered the following resolution, which passed :

We, the Bethel Association, tender our thanks to brethren Weaver and Duggan for their faithful services rendered us during this session.

Adjourned with the parting hand, and prayer by Rev. John Martin.
L. A. DUGGAN, Clerk. Z. T. WEAVER, Moderator.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION—BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, auxiliary to Bethel Association, met at Mt. Hebron church, Randolph county, Wednesday, October 30th, 1901

Meeting called to order by President at 10:30 o'clock, a. m. Devotional exercises led by Mrs. M. Watts, prayer by Mrs. J. E. Paullin, followed by enrollment of delegates, as follows :

Mrs. Calhoun, Mrs. J. I. D. Miller, Arlington ; Mrs. W. S. Keese, Miss Lydia Knighton, Benevolence ; Mrs. Louis Gay, Mrs. John Gunn, Mrs. D. R. Lide, Cuthbert ; Mrs. Louis Gay, Miss Brunson, Blakely ; Mrs. M. Watts, Dover ; Mrs. S. E. McLendon, Mrs. L. A. Duke, Mrs. J. E. Paullin, Ft. Gaines ; Miss May Edwards, Georgetown ; Miss Emmie Gay, Midway ; Mrs. W. S. Curry, New Bethel ; Mrs. Z. T. Weaver, Mrs. W. R. Curry, Shellman ; Mrs. T. M. Davis, Spring Vale.

The constitution and by laws were read by Mrs. J. E. Paullin, and unanimously adopted. Adjourned to 2 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON.

Meeting called to order at 2 o'clock p. m., Mrs. M. Watts presiding. Devotional exercises were concluded with prayer by Mrs. Will S. Keese, after which came the election of officers for the ensuing year. The result was as follows: Mrs. J. E. Paullin, Ft. Gaines, President; Mrs. W. R. Curry, Shellman, Sec'y; Mrs. Louis Gay, Blakely, Treasurer.

A letter from the W. M. Society of Shiloh Baptist church, applying for membership to the W. M. U. of Bethel Association, was read by secretary, and they were unanimously received.

The program which had been previously prepared for this occasion, was next in order.

Mrs. Duggan being unable to render her part of program, on account of illness in the family, Mrs. Will S. Keese acted as her supply. Dr. A. E. Keese was to deliver an address to the Union, but was unexpectedly called away. Rev. G. R. Bisby, of Fort Gaines, supplied for him, making a very interesting and impressive talk, taking for his subject, "Woman's Work in Missions"

Unavoidable circumstances prevent giving a full financial report of societies in the Union.

Missionary literature being distributed, meeting adjourned until 1902. Respectfully submitted. MRS. J. E. PAULLIN, Secretary.

APPENDIX

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association, and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches, nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will be only an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot or otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject however to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject, or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall have no voice in determining questions except in case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it, when required, and shall print and distribute the minutes among the several churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall, from time to time, appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and

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pay these out as the Association, through her Executive Committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled as messengers are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This constitution and rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of three members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

ART. 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

ART. 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the Gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

ART. 7. We believe the doctrine of election, that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART. 8. We believe in the "perseverance of the saints;" that all those who are truly regenerated and born again will ultimately be saved in heaven; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons.

ART. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

ART. 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

ART. 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. OFFICES.
Arlington....	Calhoun.....	J I D Miller....	L L Lyon	Arlington.....
Bethel.....	Clay.....			
Benevolence	Randolph....	W W Mabry ..	O A Harris	Benevolence ..
Bethany....	Baker.....	W O Crumbley..	W A White....	Peace.....
Beulah....	Early.....	I G Corley....	W W Jernigan..	Cedar Springs..
Blakely....	Early.....	B W Davis....	H B Buchanan..	Blakely.....
Bluffton....	Clay.....	J I D Miller....	E S Collins....	Bluffton.....
Coleman....	Randolph....	W W Arnold....	A J Jones.....	Coleman.....
Colomokee ..	Early.....	J S Knowles..	J C Balkcom..	Blakely.....
Cuthbert....	Randolph....	W L Culbertson	T F Moody....	Cuthbert.....
Damascus....	Early.....	R C Pool.....	J N Evans.....	Blakely.....
Damascus....	Randolph....	J W Martin....	J T Peak.....	Cuthbert....
Dover.....	Terrell.....	W W Mabry ..	W S Thornton..	Doverel.....
Elim.....	Calhoun.....	J W Sawls....	CH Knighton jr	Shellman
Enon.....	Quitman.....	J W Newsome..	J O Moore.....	Hatchers.....
Enterprise ..	Clay.....	J E Dykes	W H Rush.....	Bluffton....
Ft. Gaines ..	Clay.....	G R Bisby....	J L Burnett....	Ft. Gaines
Friendship..	Randolph....	W D Hammack	W W Faircloth	Morgan, R D ..
Georgetown..	Quitman.....	J W Newsome..	C E Kaigler....	Georgetown....
Herod.....	Terrell....	M B L Binion ..	H F Melton....	Herod.....
Hillside....	Early.....	R C Pool.....	Sam Taylor....	Hillside.....
Hilton.....	Early.....	J L Pate.....	J M Pate	Hilton.....
Leary.....	Calhoun			
Lebanon....	Terrell.....	J S Knowles ..	R J Grier	Sasser.....
Midway....	Clay.....	A E Keese....	T J Methvin ..	Kipling.....
Milford....	Baker.....	R C Pool.....	J W Johnston..	Milford.....
Morgan....	Calhoun.....	Z T Weaver....	C B Weaver....	Morgan.....
Morris.....	Quitman.....	A E Keese....	J W Cumbie....	Morris.....
Mt. Gilead ..	Clay.....	W A Mabry ..	T B Jenkins....	Ft. Gaines
Mt. Hebron ..	Miller.....	W O Crumbley	W B Shepherd..	Eugene.....
Mt. Hebron ..	Randolph....	J G Corley	Nelson Fellows	Grubbs.....
Mt. Vernon ..	Clay.....	G R Bisby....	J B Wildes....	Ft. Gaines
Mt. Zion.....	Clay.....	J E Dykes	G A Belisle....	Ft. Gaines
New Bethel ..	Randolph....	Z T Weaver....	R Ferguson....	Shellman.....
New Hope....	Early.....	J E Dykes	S L Houston....	Fitz Hugh....
Pine View....	Early.....	W O Crumbley	J L Woody....	Elmo.....
Providence ..	Early.....	I G Corley	W E Hayes....	Blakely.....
Rehoboth....	Randolph....	I G Corley	O H Callaway..	Shellman....
Salem.....	Calhoun.....	J S Knowles..	I B Mabry....	Edison.....
Shellman....	Randolph....		C P Payne.....	Shellman.....
Shiloh.....	Clay.....	J S Knowles ..	J N Stanford..	Morris.....
Spring Vale ..	Randolph....	B B Broome....	H C Sparks....	Morris.....
Villulab....	Randolph....	J W Martin....	B E Joiner....	Coleman.....

TABLE.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'm'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Number of Members.	Days of Meeting.
W. C. Thomas and A. L. Miller	0	3	0	1	0	0	80	1 3
Not represented.								
W S Keese, W D Fort, Jno Dale, J E Coram	4	4	0	0	0	1	99	1
Morgau Rye.....	5	1	1	1	0	1	44	2
J. G. Corley.....[Davis	1	1	0	0	0	1	30	2
R W Brown, E T Murphy, H P Powell, B W	0	2	0	7	0	1	126	2 4
Killingsworth, Ingram, Harris, W T Davis .	5	16	0	2	0	1	91	2
J W Nichols, A J Jones, D W Hammock....	4	2	0	8	1	0	89	4
W J Jordan, J M Balkcom .[J W Stanford	0	3	5	20	1	3	61	3
Culbertson, Dugan, J D Gunn, A E Keese.	4	17	1	17	0	3	192	1 2 3 4
R C Pool, J D George, G R Watson	8	11	0	0	0	0	44	1
Wm Ford, C D and W D Peak, W L Grubbs	5	2	1	2	0	0	136	2
G M Chambers, S E and J H Heisler.....	12	1	1	5	0	0	78	2
W H Johnson, W W Coram, J P Sauls.....	0	2	0	4	0	0	74	3
T G Pinkston, W F Moore, J T Roberts.....	4	2	0	2	0	2	82	1
R G Smith and Luther Brooks.....	2	6	0	8	1	0	68	1
G R Bisby and J E Paullin.....	19	12	0	6	8	2	160	1 2 3 4
T L Lumley, W M Faircloth, R O Melton...	5	1	0	9	0	0	70	2
L Tye, Thomas Guilford, J W Newsome....	3	5	0	3	0	2	73	4
H P Haas and W F Melton.....	2	0	2	14	1	2	79	4
Not represented.	4	9	0	0	0	0	38	4
J L Pate and J S Moore, ..	2	3	0	6	1	1	19	2
Not represented.							*33	
J W Sears and J F Brim.....	5	5	3	12	2	0	48	1
Walter E Gay and W F Methvin.....	11	1	1	1	0	0	60	2
W R Morris and T W Robinson	3	8	0	0	1	4	34	2
J C Price, C H Gee and J M Newton.....	3	4	0	7	0	2	116	4
W A Cumbie and J H Wilson.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	4
J J Johnson and R L Shaw.....	1	2	1	8	0	1	50	4
J A Rooks and G C Free.....[John Fellows	4	0	0	0	1	1	47	3
J W Martin, J W Sauls, G R Swan, E B Bass.	6	4	0	0	0	1	184	1
B F Pierce.....	0	0	0	2	0	1	51	2
W C Belisle and Wm Gentry.....	1	0	0	5	0	5	49	3
John Martin, W S Curry, S W Manry, W H	1	5	0	5	0	2	146	3
S A Lindsay.....[Ferguson, J M Taylor	0	2	0	4	5	2	126	4
G E Tison, W D Hay H C Nix.....	4	9	0	3	0	2	67	1
H J Hayes and D W Harold.....	5	15	1	1	1	0	45	4
J L Lunsford, J E Henier, G W Bell.....	1	1	0	4	1	1	107	3
T O Lawrence, C G Joiner, I B Many, E D	0	2	4	6	0	2	171	4
W R Curry, Z T Weaver.....[Polson	5	2	0	1	1	0	90	2 4
J N Stanford and R T Bovett.....	12	5	0	14	0	1	87	2
J N Massee, A H Teel, W R Ledden.....	3	2	0	19	0	1	62	3
Ragan, Jenkin, Davis, McFather, Brown...	15	3	1	6	0	0	142	3
	178	170	22	207	25	46	3,483	

*Number reported last year.

FINANCIAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Minutes.	Associational Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Mercer University.	Mercer Loan Fund.	Bethel College.
Arlington....	Calhoun....	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Bethel.....	Clay.....	1 50	50	8 50	8 50	8 50	3 20	.....	.....	.....
Benevolence	Randolph....	50	50	.....	2 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany.....	Baker.....	50	50	4 00	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beulah.....	Early.....	1 50	1 00	.....	10 00	16 20	.....	17 00	.....	.....
Blakely.....	Early.....	75	50	3 00	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....
Bluffton.....	Clay.....	75	75	3 00	2 50	2 98	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coleman.....	Randolph....	75	75	12 00	12 00	15 15	.....	.....	12 00	.....
Colomokee...	Early.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cuthbert.....	Randolph....	50	50	2 50	2 50	7 50	1 75	.....	2 50	.....
Damascus....	Early.....	75	75	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Dover.....	Terrell.....	1 00	1 00	2 20	1 60	1 00	.....	.....	12 00	5 00
Elim.....	Calhoun....	50	50	1 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	.....	1 50	.....
Enon.....	Quitman.....	75	50	5 50	6 75	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enterprise...	Clay.....	50	50	.....	2 20	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ft. Gaines...	Clay.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friendship...	Randolph....	75	75	3 10	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown...	Quitman.....	75	75	5 00	.....	33 51	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Herod.....	Terrell.....	1 00	50	10 00	2 50	10 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Hillside.....	Early.....	70	.....	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hilton.....	Early.....	50	50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Learv.....	Calhoun....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	Terrell.....	1 00	75	.....	.....	34 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Midway.....	Clay.....	50	50	8 55	7 50	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milford.....	Baker.....	1 00	50	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Morgan.....	Calhoun....	50	1 00	5 00	3 90	2 50	.....	.....	6 00	10 00
Morris.....	Quitman.....	25	25	5 25	5 50	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt Gilead...	Clay.....	50	50	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Hebron...	Miller.....	75	50	3 45	3 40	3 45	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt Hebron...	Randolph....	1 00	1 00	7 05	7 05	7 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt Vernon...	Clay.....	50	50	4 00	4 00	4 33	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	Clay.....	1 00	1 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Bethel...	Randolph....	1 50	1 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....
New Hope...	Early.....	1 50	55	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Pine View...	Early.....	1 00	25	1 21	1 21	1 21	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence...	Early.....	50	50	3 00	3 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rehoboth...	Randolph....	1 00	1 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	Calhoun....	1 00	1 00	9 50	9 50	9 50	9 50	.....	.....	.....
Shellman....	Randolph....	75	75	4 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh.....	Clay.....	1 00	50	8 00	8 00	8 00	.....	6 50	.....	.....
Spring Vale...	Randolph....	50	50	7 00	7 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	3 90
Villulah.....	Randolph....	1 00	1 00	3 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....
		\$35 20	\$26 80	\$162 31	\$153 91	\$241 88	\$41 45	\$23 50	\$55 00	\$23 90

Public Collections \$19.04.

TABLE.

Orphans' Home.	Previously Sent Up.	Value of Church Property.	Permanent Improvements.	Church Expenses, Including Pastor's Salary.	MISCELLANEOUS.			Grand Total.
					Monroe F. College.	Canton Home.	Dr. Ayer.	
\$.....	\$.....				\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 1 00
3 20	271 76					5 85	5 80	317 31
.....	.....							3 30
.....	.....							13 00
7 60	.....							53 30
.....	41 52				5 00			37 25
.....	5 40							51 40
.....	508 22							58 05
.....	.....							511 22
1 41	13 21							17 72
.....	27 00				I 20			27 11
2 00	.....							52 00
.....	84 77							13 50
.....	.....							103 77
20 00	650 73							4 20
5 00	6 70							673 73
.....	217 07							21 30
3 00	27 55							262 08
.....	3 70							57 05
.....	.....							9 40
.....	.....							5 00
.....	103 75							139 50
2 50	.....							27 55
.....	.....							5 00
2 00	25 00				5 60			61 50
.....	.....							16 75
1 00	.....							8 00
.....	29 50							41 05
.....	.....							23 15
.....	.....							13 33
.....	.....							6 00
7 50	601 61							666 61
2 00	4 00							8 05
.....	.....							4 88
.....	.....							9 50
.....	.....							9 00
9 60	202 05							251 65
1 15	457 00							470 65
6 53	175 58							214 61
5 80	144 54							176 24
5 00	15 20							40 70
\$85 29	\$3615 86				\$11 80	\$5 85	\$5 80	\$4486 41

REGULATION SCHEDULE.

ASSOCIATIONS	SECT'S	JAN'Y	FEB'Y	M'CH	AP'L	MAY	JUNE.	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV	DEC.
Coosa, Chattahoochee, Floyd Co., Gordon Co., North Ga., Salem, Coosawattee.	A	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn
Mountain Town, Ellijay, Jasper Nolta River, Hiawassee, N Union, Morganton.	B	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.
Polk Co., Mid Cherokee, Noonday, Harmony, Tallapoosa, P. Valley, New Hope.	C	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn
Hightower, Chattahoochee, Roswell, Lawrenceville, Clarksville, Chesatee	D	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn
Mountain United, Tugalo, Hebron, Mulberry, Liberty, Appalachee.	E	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.
Carrollton, Concord, Fairburn, Western Central Western, Bethlehem	F	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn
Stone Mountain, South River, Second Georgia, Centennial	G	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn
Central Georgia, Washington, Sarepta, Rehobeth, Houston, Columbus, Pine Mountain, Flint River, Mallary.	H	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.
Summer Hill, Bethel, Bowen, Friendship, Tucker, S. Western, Mercer	I	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn
Mell, Lit. River, N. Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Mt Vernon, Daniel, Middle Hephzibah.	J	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn
Consolation, Piedmont, Miller, Homerville Smyrna, N Sunberry, Baptist Union.	K	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.
	L	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn

EXPLANATIONS:

Observe as to abbreviations--M. U., Mercer University; Mssn., Missions; M. E., Ministerial Education; I. M., Indigent Ministers; O. H., Orphans' Home.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bisby, G. R., Ft. Gaines, Ga.
 Corley, J. G., Blakely, Ga.
 Crumbley, W. O., Blakely, Ga.
 Culbertson, W. L., Cuthbert, Ga.
 Davis, B. W., Blakely, Ga.
 Dykes, J. E., Fitz Hugh, Ga.
 Hammack, W. D., Coleman, Ga.
 Hepburn, Charles, Ft. Gaines, Ga.
 Humphrey, H. B., Arlington, Ga.
 Jones, C. E., Damascus, Ga.
 Keese, A. E., D. D., Cuthbert, Ga.
 King, J. J., Blakely, Ga.
 Knighton, C. H., Shellman, Ga.
 Knowles, J. S., Coleman, Ga.
 Martin, John, Bethel, Ga.
 Martin, J. W., Cuthbert, Ga.
 Miller, J. I. D., Arlington, Ga.
 Nichols, J. W., Coleman, Ga.
 Pate, J. L., Bluffton, Ga.
 Pool, R. C., Damascus, Ga.
 Reeks, J. A., Colquitt, Ga.
 Sullivan, S. F., Cuthbert, Ga.
 Sauls, J. W., Lodrick, Ga.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt an Order of Business for the present Session.
4. Read the Church Letters.
5. Hear Application for Membership.
6. Fix the Hours for Meeting and Adjourning.
7. Appoint Committees to report at the present Session, namely: (1) On Preaching; (2) on Finance; (3) on Auditing; (4) on Digest of Letters from the Churches and State of the Churches; (5) on Nominations (to Preach Introductory and Mission Sermons at next Session, Delegates to the State Convention, Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College, and Executive Committee).
8. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational Enterprises, and Visitors.
9. Hear the Report of the Treasurer.
10. Hear the Report of the Executive Committee.
11. Hear the Report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
12. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) on Missions; (2) on Sunday Schools; (3) on Temperance; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries; (6) on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches; (7) on Nominations; (8) on Finance; (9) on Auditing Committee.
13. Elect Treasurer.
14. Appoint Correspondents.
15. Fix the Time and Place of holding next Session.
16. Appoint Committees to report next Session: (1) on Missions; (2) on Temperance; (3) on Sunday Schools; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries; (6) on Orphans' Home.
17. Call for Applications for Dismission.
18. Arrange for Printing the Minutes and for the Clerk's Fee.
19. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Seventieth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Bethel Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

BLUFFTON BAPTIST CHURCH, CLAY COUNTY, GA.,

OCTOBER 28, 29 AND 30, 1902.

OFFICERS:

MODERATOR—REV. B. W. DAVIS, - - - Blakely, Ga.

CLERK—BRO. J. N. STANFORD, - - - Cuthbert, Ga.

TREASURER—BRO. D. W. HAMMACK, - - - Coleman, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BRO. J. W. STANFORD, BRO. J. E. PAULIN,
BRO. W. R. CURRY.

Next Session Meets with Damascus Church, Randolph
County, Ga., on Tuesday after the Fourth
Sunday in October, 1903.

The Liberal-Enterprise Print, Cuthbert, Ga.



MINUTES.

BLUFFTON GA., Oct. 28th, 1902.

The Seventieth Session of THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with the Bluffton church on the above date, according to appointment. After a prayer service, conducted by Rev. J. S. Knowles, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. B. W. Davis ; text, John 14:27.

Owing to the absence of brethren Weaver and Duggan, former Moderator and Clerk, Rev. B. W. Davis was requested to act as temporary Moderator and J. N. Stanford Clerk pro tem.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock by acting Moderator, Rev. B. W. Davis, of Blakely. After song and prayer service the roll was called and perfected. The Association then went into the election of Moderator and Clerk. Upon motion the Clerk, pro tem., was directed to cast the ballot of the Association for Rev. B. W. Davis, as Moderator. J. N. Stanford was elected Clerk by acclamation.

Adopted the same Order of Business as used last session after striking out item 4, viz : "Read the Church Letters."

Antioch church at Garnerville, Clay county, applied for membership, and Revs. G. R. Bisby, J. S. Knowles and W. D. Hammack were appointed a committee to investigate and report on same.

Fixed the hours of meeting at 9 o'clock, a. m., and 1:30 p. m., and for adjourning at 10:50 a. m., and at will in the afternoon.

The following committees were appointed :

On Preaching—The Pastor and Messengers of Bluffton church, and brethren R. B. Martin and L. L. Lyon.

On Finance—J. L. Burnett, J. M. Taylor and J. D. Gunn.

The committee appointed to report on the application of Antioch church, reported favorably, and it was received into the fellowship of the Association and her Messengers were welcomed by the Moderator.

Additional committees were appointed as follows :

On Digest of Letters—Revs. W. L. Culbertson and J. W. Martin.

On Nominations—W. T. Jay, D. R. Mitchiner and A. H. Teel.

Rev. A. W. Bealer, agent for the Christian Index, was recognized and made a splendid talk, while advocating the support of his paper by the Baptists of Georgia.

Welcomed the following brethren as correspondents, visitors, etc.: Rev. W. W. Arnold from the Summer Hill Association, Rev. A. C. Wellons from the Friendship Association, Rev. I. A. White, from the Columbia (Ala.) Association, and Dr. J. W. Stanford, representing Mercer University and the Orphans' Home.

Received Treasurer's report and referred it to the Auditor.

The session adjourned after the following announcements: Preaching tonight by Bro. A. W. Bealer, and the meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in the morning at 9 o'clock, at the Methodist church, with preaching services, conducted by Rev. W. W. Arnold in the same building at 11 o'clock. Benediction by Bro. Arnold.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 o'clock, and after devotional services, conducted by Bro. A. C. Wellons, the house was called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes of previous session read and adopted after correction.

The report on Missions was made the special order for 10 o'clock. It was also agreed to make the report on Education the special order for 2:30 p. m.

Bro. A. E. Keese was recognized as a representative for Bethel College.

Heard report of the Executive Committee, and adopted the same as follows:

Your Executive Committee has but little to report. Bro. Jones discontinued his work at the last Association as colporteur, and we have been unable to secure the services of another on the same terms.

One General Meeting was held this year, at Coleman. Another was asked for by Dover church, but was called in on account of sickness.

Two new churches have been built during the past year—one at Morris the other at Garnerville. The one at Garnerville has been dedicated. Both are neat buildings and are doing good work. Respectfully submitted. J. W. STANFORD,

J. E. PAULLIN, } Committee.
W. R. CURRY, }

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and after considerable discussion the same was amended, after which it was adopted as follows:

Your committee does not believe that too much attention can

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be given the Sabbath School, as it is, or should be, a most valuable auxiliary to the church. How important it is then that the right means should be employed in the cultivation and development of these young minds. Not only should the best literature be used as helps in studying the word of God, but only the most conscientious and consecrated teachers should be selected to assist the child in grasping and retaining the truths contained in the lessons to be studied each Sunday.

Your committee has often wondered (while glancing at the empty benches in a church whose membership reaches nearly one hundred) why parents seemingly give so little thought to the advantages of the Sabbath school and the importance of having their children attend regularly.

From what we can learn the Sabbath schools within the bounds of this Association are as well attended and have prospered as much, seemingly during the past year as any one in its history. But while this may be true, it is safe to say, if the parents, who compose the membership of the churches of the Association, would only do their duty toward their children in the matter, it would not be long before each church would be rejoicing at the steady ingathering of precious souls as the result of their labors. Let the children come to the Sabbath school, by all means, but let the parents be there, also, to encourage the children and young people, as well as the superintendent and teachers by their presence and assistance.

Your committee has no special fault to find with the literature supplied by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Publication Society, but think it would be better not to depend too much upon these helps and devote more time to the study of the lesson on each one's own responsibility. Respect'fully,

J. N. STANFORD,

A. H. TEEL,

Committee.

Pending the discussion on the above report, the special order was suspended for 10 minutes.

The report on Missions was read, and after the cause had been ably presented by Bro. Bealer, the hour for preaching having arrived, the session adjourned after the following announcements: The meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union had been changed by the ladies from 9 o'clock in the morning at the Methodist church to 1:30 p. m. in the academy, Uncle Johnnie Martin to preach in the same building at 3 p. m.; Rev. W. L. Culbertson to preach in the academy at 11 a. m., Rev. W. W. Arnold in the Methodist church at the same hour, while Rev. A. E. Keese was to preach the Missionary Sermon in the Baptist church.

Large congregations listened to good sermons at all three of the houses, a public collection for missions being taken up at each, after services.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1:30 the Association met and after song service the house was called to order by the Moderator.

The report of the Auditor was read, and with the Treasurer's report, adopted as follows :

D. W. HAMMACK, Treasurer.

In Account with Bethel Baptist Association.

DR.

Oct. 30, 1901.	By Amount rec'd from Clerk at Association.	\$896 83
Feb. 17, 1902.	By Cash Mt. Vernon, Home Missions.....	2 25
" 18, "	By Cash Valulah, State Missions.....	5 00
June 16, "	By Cash Mt. Vernon, Missions.....	5 00
Aug. 23, "	By Cash Mt. Vernon.....	2 05

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Noy. 9, "	To Ch. Duggan, Minutes.....	\$ 35 20
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" 11 "	To State Missions.....	174 45
" " "	To Home Missions.....	165 91
" " "	To Foreign Missions.....	241 88
" " "	To Indigent Ministers.....	41 45
" " "	To Mercer University.....	23 50
" " "	To Mercer Loan Fund.....	55 00
" " "	To Orphans' Home.....	85 29
" " "	To Monroe Female College.....	11 80
" " "	To Canton Home (For. Mis.).....	5 85
" " "	To Dr. Ayers.....	5 80
" " "	To Bethel College.....	23 90
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Have examined the within report and find the same correct.

G. R. BISBY Auditor.

The report on Temperance was read, and upon motion same was laid on the table for future discussion.

Bro D. W. Hammack was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Directed that any brother visiting a sister Association be authorized to present himself as a correspondent.

The usual time for meeting of next session was adopted, Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1903. Damascus church, 4 miles southeast of Cuthbert, was chosen as the place of meeting.

The Chairman of the Preaching committee announced that Rev. I. A. White, of Alabama, would preach in this house tonight at 7 o'clock, and Rev. A. C. Wellons in the Methodist church at same hour.

The report of Board of Trustees of Bethel College was read, but the report of committee on Education not being ready, action on both was deferred until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Report on Nominations was adopted :

Introductory Sermon—Rev. W. S. Keese; alternate Rev. Jno. W. Martin.

Missionary Sermon—Rev. W. D. Hammack; alternate Rev. W. L. Culbertson.

Messengers to State Convention—E. W. Childs, J. W. Stanford, W. Z. T. Bridges, G. R. Bisby, D. W. Hammack, W. L. Culbertson, J. S. Knowles, J. E. Paullin, D. R. Mitchener, B. W. Davis, W. D. Hammack, A. E. Keese, J. I. D. Miller, W. S. Keese.

Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Stanford; alternate, B. W. Davis.

Board of Trustees of Bethel College—J. W. Stanford, W. T. Jay, John E. Mansfield, John W. Martin, A. H. Teel, W. W. Binion, D. W. Hammack, E. W. Childs, W. D. Hammack, J. E. Paullin, J. C. Martin, G. R. Bisby, J. S. Knowles, B. W. Ellis, B. W. Davis, W. Z. T. Bridges, T. Moody, L. A. Duggan, J. H. Manry, D. R. Stewart, J. W. Newsome, J. G. Corley, W. E. Curry.

Executive Committee—J. W. Stanford, J. E. Paullin, W. R. Curry.

W. T. JAY,
A. H. TEEL, } Committee.
D. R. MITCHENER,

The report on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches was adopted :

We note with interest increased contributions over last year. As far as we have been able to ascertain, the state of the churches is generally very good. We find 211 baptisms reported in the bounds of the Association. Respectfully,

W. L. CULBERTSON,
J. W. MARTIN,
Committee.

The report of Finance committee was read and ordered spread upon the minutes :

To the Brethren of Bethel Association: We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to make the following report :

Amount Cash sent to Association, for all purposes,	\$ 881 26
“ Previously sent up for all purposes,	6,461 01
“ Public Collection, not directed,	41 70

Total,	\$7,383 97.
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All of which will fully appear by reference to tabulated statement hereto attached. Respectfully submitted.

J. L. BURNETT, }
J. M. TAYLOR, } Committee.
JNO. D. GUNN, }

Bluffton, Ga., Oct. 29, 1902.

Since making the above report, the church at Hilton has added \$5 35 to the above amount.

The public collections and undirected funds were ordered placed to the credit of the Orphans' Home Fund.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows :

Missions—J. I. D. Miller, R. W. Brown, W. J. Jordan.

Temperance—J. B. Hobbs, J. L. Burnett, J. W. Nichols.

Education—J. D. Gunn, Wm. Harrison, H. F. Melton.

Sabbath Schools—J. W. Stanford, D. R. Mitchiner, R. B. Martin.

Obituaries—J. W. Martin, J. T. Roberts, Hugh Sparks.

Orphans' Home—J. W. Newsome, R. E. Smith, J. A. Rooks.

Session adjourned. Benediction by Rev. G. R. Bisby.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 8:30 a. m. After devotional services, conducted by Bro. Knowles, the Moderator announced the house ready for business.

Heard the report on Orphans' Home. After an address by Rev. W. D. Hammack the same was adopted :

We have an Orphans' Home at Hapeville, near Atlanta. This Home is under the control of the Baptists of Georgia, and there is no work of the denomination that lies nearer our hearts than this ; beause they are our helpless ones—those who are not able to take care of themselves—and from the Book we learn that it is our duty to care for the helpless.

We feel very grateful to the consecrated men and women who have charge of the orphans, believing, as we do, that their hearts are in their work.

We earnestly recommend that all the churches contribute regularly to the support of our little ones at Hapeville.

J. W. MARTIN, Chairman.

Heard and adopted the report on Obituaries :

Dear Brethren—Your committee on Obituaries report only one death in our ministerial ranks since the last meeting of this body—that of Rev. Chas. Hepburn, who, after much bodily affliction, and a life of devotion to the Master's cause, passed to his reward in February last, in Clay county, Ga.

We also take occasion to mention the death of two well beloved brethren—Deacon W. T. Methvin, and Bro. T. J. Methvin, who died at their homes in Clay county, since our last meeting.

We also feel called upon to note the death of Rev. J. P. Dawson, a former member of this Association, who died in Decatur county, Ga., sometime during this year.

Fraternally submitted.

W. F. MOORE, Chairman.

Heard the report on Education, and, together with the report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel College, after speeches by brethren Keese, Stanford, Wellons, Bisby, W. D. Hammack, J. W. Newsome, D. W. Hammock and others, both were adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BETHEL COLLEGE.

Fifty years ago Bethel College started on her checkered path of usefulness. During this half century her influence has been felt around many a hearthstone. Just what her life has meant to the world only eternity can tell. What she has accomplished was through the kind fidelity of godly men and women

of the past; what her present and future are to be, depend on you and me.

In her new quarters last June, she closed the most prosperous term of many years. Prosperous, not only in the larger enrollment of pupils, but also in the character of the work done.

Four young men went from Bethel's halls to Mercer University. Admitted to their respective classes upon certificates from our school, (one of whom is enjoying the benefit of the free scholarship so generously given us each year by Mercer,) these young men, we are informed, are standing well in their classes. One of them has already won distinction.

This year we have five we hope to send to Mercer.

The school building and equipment, which the building committee has turned over to us free of debt, and yet complete in its appointments, is a marvel of convenience and comfort. Each room is well lighted, well ventilated, well heated and furnished with seats, blackboards, globes, etc. We are sure that a more convenient, comfortable school building cannot be found in this section of the State. The old Gamble house, with its admirable location, large rooms and extensive verandahs was most readily converted into a very desirable home for the boarding patronage. A very convenient dining hall has been added to the main building, the comfortable beds from the old boarding hall brought down, and homelike quarters arranged for the boarders. We heartily commend Bethel to all parents desiring to give their boys educational advantages under favorable conditions.

Inasmuch as the greater part of Dr. Keese's time was required in the field, it seemed to the Board of Trustees advisable to associate with Dr. Keese, as President, his brother, Rev. W. S. Keese, in order that some one with authority might be constantly on the ground. These have associated with them the same strong faculty of last year, except that W. S. Keese takes the place of Capt. Garley. We are gratified that the strength of this faculty is recognized by pupils as well as others of wider experience and observation. One of the former pupils writes thus: "I feel that to have come in contact with the force of character of one of Bethel's teachers has been worth to me all the time and money that it has cost." Dr. Pollock, with his acquaintance with the schools of Georgia, says: "I know of no secondary school in the State with stronger teaching force." These words of approval are duly appreciated, as an encouragement in our efforts to offer at Bethel advantages inferior to none in the State.

The school thus far, this term, has been progressing very harmoniously and satisfactorily. Every morning before the beginning of the day's duties, all the pupils are assembled in the chapel where, with scripture reading, song and prayer, the pupils are impressed that duty to God comes first, and religious exercises go hand in hand with the avocations of life. Once, and sometimes more, each week, some minister or pious man conducts the exercises and exhorts the young men to noble things.

The older young men have organized a debating society which

meets each week to argue the pro and con of some topic of interest. Thus independent thought and research is developed in the young men. So far as we are able to judge or hear, the spirit of the school is gratifying. The pupils as a whole are awake and interested. The spirit of co-operation between teacher and pupil pervades the whole work. We are very much gratified at present attainments and conditions but we cannot abide content here. Worthy young men, with an ambition and a purpose in life, are constantly crying to us for help. We are doing what we can, but do not wish to monopolize the opportunity.

We recommend therefore ;

1. That each church in the Association be requested to raise ten or more dollars to be turned over to the Prudential Committee and LOANED by them to worthy needy applicants.

2. That the Board of Trustees be elected for a period of five years, and empowered to fill vacancies.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STANFORD, President.

B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following :

Created in the image of God, man was commissioned by his divine Creator to subdue the earth and have dominion over fowl and fish and beast. Carrying out this august commission, man has swept away forests, tunneled mountains, leveled hills, bridged rivers, spanned chasms, climbed peaks, sailed the seas and traversed the earth from pole to pole. He has harnessed the rolling water and the blowing winds and made them his servants. Delving into Nature's secret stores, he has brought forth her hidden forces and made them subservient to his will. Again and again has he girdled the globe with his steel rails, over which speeds his locomotive drawing all the marvelous products of his inventive brain and skilled hands. He has stretched the telegraph wire over mountains, seas and valleys—he talks as face to face with his friends a thousand miles away. He has found the highways of the trackless deep ; has made the nations of earth touch elbows across "old ocean's hoary main." For practical purposes he has annihilated time and space and undauntedly attempts and realizes the seemingly impossible. For the accomplishment of these herculean tasks he has needed the fullest development of his powers, both of body and mind.

Re-created in the image of the "second Adam," man is commissioned to fight against the strongholds of Satan, to storm and capture, not with sword and cannon, not with battleship and army, but with the wondrous story of the cross, the citadels of sin—to conquer and lay at Jesus' feet the kingdoms of this world. To perform this more godlike task, man needs no less than in the former work, the trained reason, the logical mind, the power of keen analysis. But added to this must be the recognition of the spiritual self, the expansion, growth and development of the faculties of the soul. The heart must be taken into partnership with the head. The motive power of this combined machinery

must be Love—the object to be attained must be the glory of God. To this end God has inspired his servants in divers places and times to erect and sustain schools, colleges, universities and seminaries. Godly men and women control and teach these schools. Daily religious services, the influence of christian characters in daily contact with pupils impress these pupils that to fear God and keep his commandments, is the supreme duty and the highest attainment of man. In this work Georgia Baptists have peculiar grounds for gratitude to God. Mercer University, the Cox Female College, LaGrange Female College, Shorter Female College, Monroe Female College, all stand with beckoning hands, a glorious past and a brilliant future, to train men and women for the great warfare under Christ Jesus. They need no commendation at our hands. The work already done is their pledge for future support. To these in the last 15 years have been added about 30 associational high schools, designed to prepare pupils for entrance into college classes. So urgent is the demand for trained men and women, so rapidly are events hastening to their final solution and consummation, that the importance, the worth of this array of denominational schools cannot be overestimated. Their equipment and support is the overshadowing question of the hour. Especially do we urge this Association to an earnest, united support of your own school, Bethel College. Hitherto it has existed by your sufferance rather than your support. You can make it a mighty force for God. Respectfully submitted.

A. E. KEESE,	}	Committee.
G. R. BISBY,		
J. D. GUNN,		

Discharged the regular order to adjourn at 10:50, for preaching, and the Chairman of the Preaching Committee announced that Rev. A. C. Wellons would preach in the Methodist house of worship at 11 o'clock.

The report on Temperance was called for, and after speeches by Revs. W. D. Hammack and J. W. Newsome, the same was amended, after which it was adopted :

Within the bounds of our Association we have much cause for regret, on account of so many of our members not standing against the sale of liquor in the full strength of their christian manhood. The political and financial influences are an overmatch for the christian zeal and effort put forth against this great evil and despoiler of home and society.

Our weakness is such that while we are almost on the threshold of victory over the barrooms, many are willing to accept the dispensary compromise, because its damnable spoils find through this method a more equal division.

We are sorry that even some of our ministers are making use of expressions touching this great evil which tend to encourage the dispensary evil. Be not deceived ; God is not mocked. If the whiskey traffic is wrong, brethren, we ought to stand against it with united effort, and God will give us the victory. God's

peace will not abide with us in full measure as long as we retain these damnable nurseries of evil and home despoilers in our midst. Don't quail at this giant evil as the ten spies did in their report of the heathen. Caleb's and Joshua's faithfulness did not prevent a long delay, but secured the final possession of the promised land. Respectfully, D. W. HAMMACK, Chairman.

Adopted the report on Missions :

The cause of Missions is the cause of God. We are taught from the Old Book that God, through His foreknowledge, saw man's need of a Savior; and in the councils of eternal wisdom, before man was created or the earth formed, He formulated, according to his own will, the plan for his redemption. Christ, the son of God, the express image of the Father, in that council of eternal wisdom, agreed to come to this world and make His Father's will known to man. He said, "Lo, in the volume of the book it is written, I come to do thy will." So we have Christ, the first great Missionary, sent by His Father.

He came, in obedience to His Father's will, lived up to, and fulfilled all the prophecies concerning Himself, and when He had finished the work for which He came, died on the cross for the world's redemption, and rose again for our justification; thus giving us the will of the Father in His life, and the exhibition of His mighty power in His resurrection.

Before His ascension, He said, "All power is given me in heaven and on earth, go ye, therefore, into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This command comes to each one of us, with just the same force it came to the disciples who heard the Savior speak it. It is our duty, individually and collectively, to do everything within our power, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, to hasten the time when the gospel of our Lord and Savior shall be preached to the uttermost parts of the earth, and not a creature be left who has not heard the sweet old story of Jesus and His love.

Brethren, are we praying that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers into His vineyard? Let us try and make next year the greatest year for Missions the Association has ever known.

Respectfully submitted-

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman.

The clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed with the money sent for that purpose, and that he receive the amount set apart for his services.

Upon motion the action regarding the disposition of the funds collected yesterday was reconsidered, and the funds ordered sent to Dr. S. Y. Jamison undirected.

A public collection was immediately taken up for the Orphans' Home.

The infant class of the Arlington Sunday school sent up five dollars as a special offering to the Orphans' Home.

The clerk was instructed to have the report of the Woman's Missionary Union printed in the minutes.

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The following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous standing vote :

1. That a vote of thanks be, and are hereby tendered the good people of Bluffton, and especially the Bluffton church, for their unbounded hospitality in entertaining the session of the Bethel Association.

2. That we tender to the members of the Methodist church our sincere thanks for the use of their house of worship, as well as their unbounded hospitality during the session of our body.

Adjourned with the parting hand, and prayer by Rev. John Martin.

B. W. DAVIS, Moderator.

J. N. STANFORD, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association, and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2 This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches, nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs

3 It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot or otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject however to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7 He shall see that brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject, or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8 The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall have no voice in determining questions except in case of a tie

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it, when required, and shall print and distribute the minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall, from time to time, appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association, through her Executive Committee may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house

12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This constitution and rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of three members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, fill any vacancy that may occur either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

ART. 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

ART. 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the Gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

ART. 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART. 8. We believe in the "perseverance of the saints;" that all those who are truly regenerated and born again will ultimately be saved in heaven; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons.

ART. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

ART. 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

ART. 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION—BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

The third annual meeting of the WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, auxiliary to Bethel Association, met at Bluffton, Clay county, Oct. 29, 1902. The meeting was called to order at 2 p. m., Mrs. J. E. Paullin presiding. After the devotional exercises, Mrs. Curry, the Secretary, being absent, Mrs. Lide was elected Secretary, pro tem. The roll was called and the following delegates responded :

Arlington—Mesdames Calhoun and Cowdry.

Blakely—Misses Gay and Horne.

Coleman—Mrs. D. W. Hammack.

Cuthbert—Mesdames S. D. Gunn, J. D. Gunn, A. E.

Keese, D. R. Lide.

Ft. Gaines—Mesdames J. E. Paullin, S. E. McLendon, L. A. Duke.

Georgetown—Mrs. Wm. Harrison.

Midway—Mrs. King and Miss Gay.

Shellman—Mrs. Curry.

Colomokee—Mrs. Morgan.

Since Mrs. Childs was unable to be present, Mrs. J. D. Gunn read her instructive and entertaining paper—"A Brief History of the W. M. U. of Georgia, and Its Present Method of Work." This was followed by an earnest talk from Mr. Bisby, on "Consecration." Mrs. McLendon told us, in a well written paper, something of the frailties of human nature, and how we are prone to excuse ourselves for lack of interest in church work. The Bluffton Society, through its Treasurer, Mrs. Mansfield, told of the splendid work in their Aid Society, and applied for membership in the W. M. U., Bethel Association. Mrs. Paullin read letters of encouragement from Dr. McConnell and Dr. Williamson.

Our time being limited, the program was not carried out in full. Missionary literature being distributed the meeting adjourned 'till 1903. Respectfully submitted.

MRS. D. R. LIDE, Sec'y. Pro Tem.

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.
Antioch	Clay	J W Newsome..	W J Moore.....	Morris
Arlington	Calhoun	W L Culbertson	J L Lyon.....	Arlington ..
Bluffton	Clay	J I D Miller.....	W T Hammack	Bluffton. . .
Bethel	Clay	J A Rooks.....	J C Camp.....	Womack ..
Benevolence..	Randolph....	W W Mabry ..	O A Harris....	Benevol'nce
Bethany	Baker	W O Crumbley.	W A White....	Peace
Beulah	Early	T A Kirkling..	W W Jernigan	CedarSpr'gs
Blakely	Early	B W Davis.....	A M Irwin.....	Blakely.....
Coleman	Randolph....	W W Arnold..	A J Jones.....	Coleman ..
Colomokee ..	Early	J S Knowles...	J C Balkcom..	Blakely.....
Cuthbert.....	Randolph....	W L Culbertson	T F Moody....	Cuthbert ..
Damascus....	Early	J I D Miller....	J W Evans	Elmo
Damascus. . .	Randolph....	J W Martin....	J T Peak.....	Cuthbert ..
Dover	Terrell.....	W W Mabry....	J P Mabry....	Doverel....
Elim	Calhoun....	J W Sauls.....	CH KnightonJr	Shellman ..
Enon	Quitman....	J W Newsome..	J C Moore.....	Hatcher....
Enterprise ..	Clay	J E Dykes.....	W H Rish.....	Bluffton....
Ft Gaines ..	Clay	G R Bisby.....	J L Burnett....	Ft Gaines ..
Friendship ..	Randolph....	W D Hammack	W A Poindexter	Shellman ..
Georgetown ..	Quitman....	J W Newsome..	C E Kaigler....	Georget'wn.
Herod	Terrell.....	B Broome.....	H F Melton....	Herod.
Hillside	Early	J E Dykes	J M Pate	Hilton
Hilton	Early	J E Dykes	J M Pate	Hilton
Leary	Calhoun....	J S Knowles...	R J Grier.....	Sasser.....
Lebanon	Terrell.....	J S Knowles...	R J Grier.....	Sasser.....
Midway	Clay	A E Keese.....	Walter Gay....	Kipling....
Milford	Baker	R C Pool.....	JesseJohnson.	Milford....
Morgan	Calhoun....	Z T Weaver....	C B Weaver....	Morgan
Morris	Quitman....	W S Keese.....	J W Cumbie....	Morris.....
Mt Gilead....	Clay	J E Dykes	R L Shaw.....	Pecan'
Mt Hebron....	Miller.....	W O Crumbley.	W B Shepard..	Eugene....
Mt Hebron....	Randolph....	J G Corley....	Nelson Fellows.	Cuthbert....
Mt Vernon ..	Clay	J G Corley....	J B Wilds....	Ft Gaines ..
Mt Zion	Clay	J E Dykes.....	C A Belisle ...	Ft Gaines ..
New Bethel ..	Randolph....	A E Keese.....	Rich Ferguson	Cuthbert....
New Hope....	Early	W O Crumbley.	S L Houston...	Fitzhugh....
Pine View....	Early	R C Pool.....	J Q Scarboro..	Lucile.....
Providence..	Early	J G Corley....	W E Hayes....	Blakely....
Rehobeth	Randolph....	J G Corley....	O H Callaway..	Shellman ..
Salem	Calhoun....	J S Knowles ..	I B Manry....	Edison.....
Shellman.....	Randolph....	J A J Dumas ..	I A Martin....	Shellman....
Shiloh	Clay	J S Knowles ..	J N Stanford..	Cuthbert...
Spring Vale ..	Randolph....	B Broome.....	H C Sparks....	Morris.....
Villulah	Randolph....	J W Martin....	B E Joiner	Coleman....

TABLE.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'm'd by Letter.	Excluded	Dead.	Number of Members.	Days of Meeting.
G W Watson and J O Griffith	9	4	..	..	..	..	31	3
L L Lyon, G W Harrison and J M Johnson.	1	3	..	7	1	..	76	1 3
J E Harris, A D Ingram, W O Spurlock, G W	2	10	..	15	..	2	81	2
J C Camp and A L Horne .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	1
[Martin, D R Mitchiner, J E Coram and W D Fort...	23	5	1	1	..	3	125	1
Morgan Rye.....	4	7	..	4	..	..	65	2
W T Parramore and W W Railey .....	..	3	..	1	..	..	2	..
BW Davis, JB Hobbs, RW Brown, A M Irwin.	13	17	2	19	3	5	127	2 4
J S Knowles, W D & D W Hammack, Nichols	5	7	..	..	..	..	101	4
J M Balkcom, W J Jordan and R S Roberts,	5	9	..	7	2	2	60	3
W L Culbertson, J W Stanford, B W Ellis, N	20	6	..	15	..	..	203	1 2 3 4
J M George, J I D Miller [T Spivey, J D Gunn	..	4	..	3	..	1	45	1
J T Peak and Cook Edwards.	26	10	..	3	2	2	166	2
W S Thornton and J P Mabry.....	5	3	..	7	..	3	75	2
W H Johnson, J T and P Sauls, J A Johnson	9	3	..	1	..	..	85	3
J T Roberts, W F Moore and J W Newsome	5	1	2	11	..	2	77	1
R H Lee, R G Smith and C B McKinnon....	4	4	1	1	1	..	71	1
Bisby, Burnett, McLendon, Grimsley, Paullin	1	2	2	5	..	6	154	1 2 3 4
J L Cumbie, E E Robinson, W A Poindexter	9	..	1	9	..	1	70	2
Wm Harrison and Butler Tye	1	..	1	2	..	..	73	4
J H McLendon and H F Melton.....	14	3	..	2	1	3	88	4
Not represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
J S Moore, C M Kenny and O E Hall.	4	18	1	..	..	..	35	2
Not represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J F Brimm.....	..	2	..	4	..	..	46	1
W E Gay and J W Boyett.....	..	..	..	8	..	2	48	2
W R Morris.....	..	3	..	..	..	1	35	2
C B Weaver, Arden Daniels and G M Cole.,	7	..	..	4	..	1	118	4
A H Peel, J W Cumbie and Ross Wilson....	3	10	..	..	..	..	28	4
J B Goodman, R L Shaw and C P Holmes ..	1	..	1	..	2	..	50	4
L M Free and J A Rooks.....	..	2	..	..	..	..	46	3
J W Martin, E B Bass and Walter Dawson.	8	1	1	8	39	..	141	1
B F Pearce.....	..	..	..	2	2	..	48	2
J R Askew and N W Barfield....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
B F Manry, John Martin, D R Stewart, J M	..	3	..	13	1	2	133	3
J A George and S A Lindsey.....[Taylor	10	..	..	2	6	..	122	4
J C Scarboro and T E Fort.....	6	..	..	19	3	..	47	1
J G Corley, J J King and H J Hay .....	..	8	..	6	..	2	47	4
E F Sanders.....[E Tanner, J B Turner	19	2	..	3	..	1	101	1 3
T O Lawrence, C G Joiner, W Plowden, W	20	5	3	3	2	2	185	4
R B Martin, W R Curry and W T Jay.....	..	4	..	1	1	..	77	2 4
J N Stanford, W J Ray and R E Smith.....	..	..	..	6	..	..	82	2
J N Massee, H C and Leon Sparks..[Father	1	3	..	24	..	1	54	3
B E Joiner, G W Coram, J H Ragan, T J Mc	12	1	..	2	..	2	151	3

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FINANCIAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home.	Ministerial Relief.	City Missions.	Pastors' Salary.
Arlington .	Calhoun.	\$ 1 00	\$ 50	\$ 5 68	\$22 08	\$12 08	\$18 23	\$.....	\$ 2 00	\$169 90
Antioch....	Clay	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	3 60	.....	.....	100 00
Bethel.....	Clay	50	25	2 50	.....	2 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Benevol'nce	Randolph	75	75	5 75	7 79	5 75	.....	.....	.....	125 00
Bethany....	Baker.....	50	25	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 35	.....	.....
Beulah.....	Early.....	55	.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blakely....	Early.....	1 00	50	5 00	5 00	20 00	5 17	.....	.....	500 00
Bluffton....	Clay	50	50	5 00	9 30	6 49	7 10	.....	.....	161 50
Coleman....	Randolph	1 00	50	2 40	2 70	3 35	1 00	1 50	.....	238 00
Colomokee	Early.....	1 00	50	11 00	11 83	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cuthbert...	Randolph	2 00	1 00	.....	216 08	.....	125 83	6 00	.....	600 00
Damascus..	Early.....	50	.....	.....	3 00	2 55	1 00	.....	.....	81 20
Damascus..	Randolph	75	50	4 00	4 00	5 45	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dover.....	Terrell...	1 00	1 00	15 60	3 00	5 00	8 50	4 85	.....	125 00
Elin.....	Calhoun..	50	50	.....	1 61	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Enon.....	Quitman..	1 00	75	11 00	12 88	14 66	35 00	.....	.....	150 00
Enterprise	Clay	75	50	.....	2 60	2 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ft Gaines	Clay	2 00	1 00	87 62	37 50	75 91	25 00	10 00	.....	700 00
Friendship.	Randolph	75	75	5 00	4 00	5 00	7 55	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown	Quitman..	1 00	1 00	27 20	23 00	31 65	43 65	43 00	.....	150 00
Herod.....	Terrell...	1 00	1 00	13 0	6 25	6 25	23 00	6 40	.....	.....
Hillside..	Early.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hilton.....	Early.....	50	50	.....	2 85	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leary.....	Calhoun..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon...	Terrell...	1 00	75	22 20	10 25	25 00	22 50	4 30	.....	125 00
Midway....	Clay	75	50	14 45	25	8 55	15 70	5 06	.....	125 00
Milford....	Baker.....	50	25	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morgan....	Calhoun..	1 00	50	10 00	10 00	7 80	.....	.....	.....	175 00
Morris....	Quitman..	1 00	50	14 77	11 10	13 29	10 13	5 01	.....	100 00
Mt Gilead..	Clay.....	75	50	25	25	4 25	50	.....	.....	.....
Mt Hebron.	Miller....	75	75	.....	5 06	4 07	5 08	.....	.....	.....
Mt Hebron.	Randolph	1 00	1 00	8 00	8 00	9 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt Vernon	Clay.....	55	50	2 00	2 00	1 60	2 75	.....	.....	.....
Mt Zion...	Clay.....	55	50	.....	3 20	1 00	.....	.....	.....	90 00
New Bethel	Randolph	1 50	1 00	10 00	10 00	20 00	5 00	4 10	.....	150 00
New Hope.	Early.....	1 00	50	1 25	1 25	1 75	1 25	.....	.....	.....
Pine View.	Early.....	50	50	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence.	Early.....	50	50	6 70	6 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00
Rehobeth..	Randolph	1 00	1 00	3 68	3 68	3 60	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	Calhoun..	1 00	50	7 50	7 50	19 50	7 50	.....	.....	.....
Shellman..	Randolph	1 00	50	10 00	10 00	30 00	15 00	.....	.....	332 23
Shiloh.....	Clay.....	1 00	50	11 55	2 00	14 44	44 30	.....	.....	100 00
Spring Vale	Randolph	50	50	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 45	.....	.....
Villulah..	Randolph	1 50	1 00	2 50	7 50	7 50	5 00	4 70	.....	.....

REGULATION SCHEDULE:

ASSOCIATIONS.													
SEC-T'NS	JAN'Y	FEB'Y	M'CH	AP'L	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	
A	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M	Mssn	Mssn.	O. H	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.	
B	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E	Mssn	Mssn.	M. U.	
C	Mssn	I. M	Mssn	Mssn.	O. H	Mssn	Mssn	M. E	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn.	
D	I. M	Mssn	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	
E	Mssn	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	Mssn.	
F	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	
G	O. H	Mssn.	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn.	I. M	Mssn.	Mssn.	
H	Mssn	Mssn	M. E	Mssn	Mssn.	M. U	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M	Mssn.	Mssn	O. H.	
I	Mssn.	M. E	Mssn	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H	Mssn.	
J	M. E	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	
K	Mssn	Mssn.	M. U	Mssn.	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	
L	Mssn	M. U	Mssn.	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	
Coosa, Chattooga, Floyd Co., Gordon Co., North Ga., Salem, Coosawatee.													
Mountain Town, Ellijay, Jasper, Nolla River, Hiwassee, N. Union, Morganton.													
Polk Co, Mt. Cherokee, Noonday, Harmony, Tallapoosa, P. Valley, New Hope.													
Hightower, Chatahoochee, Roswell, Lawrenceville, Clarkesville, Chassatee.													
Mountain United, Tugalo, Hebron, utility, Liberty, Appalachee													
Carrollton, Concord, Fairburn, Western, Central Western, Bethlehem.													
Stone Mountain, South River, second Georgia, Centennial.													
Central Georgia, Washington, Sarepta.													
Rehobeth, Houston, Columbus, Pine Mountain, Flint River, Maury.													
Summer Hill, Bethel, Bowen, Friendship, Tucker, S. Western, Mercer.													
Mell, Lit. River, N. Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Mt Vernon, Daniel, Middle Hephzibah,													
Consolation, Piedmont, Miller, Homerville, Smyrna, N. Sunbury, Baptist Union.													

EXPLANATIONS:

Observe as to abbreviations—A. U., Methodist Union; M. E., Methodist Education; I. M., Methodist Missions; O. H., Orphan's Home.

MINUTES.

DAMASCUS CHURCH, RANDOLPH CO., GA., }
October 27, 1903. }

The Seventy-First Annual Session of the BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with Damascus church on above named date. After a short prayer service, conducted by Rev. A. C. Wellons, of Plains, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. S. Keese, of Benevolence; text Mark II:22.

After preaching services Rev. W. D. Hammack was elected temporary Moderator, and, with the assistance of the former clerk, proceeded to the enrollment of messengers.

Several distinguished visitors were introduced to the body, all of whose names will appear in the proceedings hereafter, with the exception of the venerable Dr. A. B. Campbell, of Troy, Ala., (a former Georgia preacher,) who announced that he was passing by and could not resist the inclination to stop and see old friends.

After perfecting the roll as far as possible, the body adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together at 2 o'clock, and, after religious services, the roll of messengers was perfected and an election for officers was held.

Rev. B. W. Davis, former Moderator, being absent on account of serious sickness in his family, on motion, the acting Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot of the body for Hon. L. A. Duggan as Moderator. J. N. Stanford was re-elected Clerk by acclamation.

On motion the Order of Business appearing in the old minutes was adopted.

An application for membership, from a newly organized church at Edison, was received, and a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. S. Knowles, W. O. Crumbley and Bro. D. R. Mitchiner, was appointed to investigate and report upon the same. The committee reported favorably upon the application, and the Edison church was received into fellowship and her messengers cordially welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion the hours of meeting and adjourning were fixed as follows: Meet at 9:00 a. m., and 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at 10:50 in the morning and at will in the afternoon.

The following Correspondents from sister Associations, were received and welcomed:

Friendship—Revs. R. A. Morgan and A. C. Wellons.

Southwestern—Rev. E. T. Dawson.

Summer Hill—Revs. A. B. Hawkes, W. W. Mabry, W. W. Arnold, H. L. Crumbley.

Newton (Ala.)—Rev. W. H. Simmons.

Also the following representatives of Denominational enterprises:

Dr. S. Y. Jameson, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Dr. A. J. Beck—Orphans Home.

Rev. B. M. Pack—Christian Index.

Dr. J. W. Stanford—Mercer University.

On motion the regular Order of Business was suspended to allow Bro. Pack to present the claims of the Index, which he did in a most able manner, being followed by Revs. R. A. Morgan, J. I. D. Miller and S. Y. Jameson with splendid speeches along the same line.

The Treasurer's Report was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Appointed the following committees, to report at this session: On Preaching—Rev. J. W. Martin, Messengers from Damascus church, and Rev. I. A. White and Dr. J. W. Stanford of the Cuthbert Baptist church; On Finance—D. R. Stewart, J. M. Taylor, Jno. D. Gunn; On Auditing—I. B. Manry; On Digest of Letters—R. C. Pool, J. G. Corley, W. O. Crumbley; On Nominations—W. D. Hammack, I. L. Balkcom, W. L. Culbertson.

The Report of the Executive Committee was received, and after discussion, was adopted as follows:

There has been but one General Meeting this year. This was held with the Benevolence church. We regret that the churches did not ask for, and have one each fifth Sunday. We would suggest to those churches that desire, and fail to get, the Association to meet with them, that they invite and have the General Meeting instead, which under proper arrangement and execution, can be made as great a blessing to the church as the session of the Association would be.

We assisted two students at Bethel College last year, Cecil Corley and Rev. S. F. Sullivan, through the kindness of some of the brethren and a few of the churches. We would like to have done more of this kind of work, had the encouragement from the churches and brethren been greater. A number of worthy young men within the bounds of our Association desired help, to go on further with their studies, having gone as far as they could at their home schools, but we were unable to aid them. We would suggest, brethren, that each church select some ambitious young man or girl from their membership, and educate them. We can

easily do this, and we cannot spend the Lord's money He has entrusted to us in a better way.

We have to regret that the churches have not done more for the cause of Missions. We would heartily commend them for what they have done, but like Paul, we desire that they "Abound the more." We would suggest that EACH church thoroughly organize itself (for nothing reaches that measure of success it should, unless thoroughly organized), into one united mission band, with this for their motto: "We will raise and give more money to send the Gospel to those who have it not, than we do to keep it at home." We would suggest this plan: that each church have, once each month, a RALLY DAY for some of the SPECIFIC OBJECTS NAMED IN THE SCHEDULE, and put their organized forces to work on every member of the church, and if properly organized and heartily executed, when the day arrives, they will be ready for and will make a liberal contribution to that specific object, in which the pastor and deacons should take the lead. Let us illustrate further:— Suppose you have, the month Orphans Home comes in the schedule, some one to represent that object and make a talk and take the collection. And so on with Missions, State, Home and Foreign, and with Education and the Index, and all the other objects we contribute to.

Each church should, by all means, have an Index day, and invite some one of its representatives to be present and speak for and represent that feature of our denominational work. And then each pastor should follow up this work by taking the Index man in his buggy and carrying him to the homes of every member of his church and see that they take it. And if he finds some who are too poor to take it, find some liberal brother who will pay for it for them, or bring the matter before his deacons and raise the money and subscribe for it for them. It is an evidence of a live, wide awake pastor, when the Index goes to every home in his church. It is an evidence of spiritual and denominational declension for the Index not to be found in the home of every Baptist in Georgia. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STANFORD,

J. E. PAULLIN,

W. R. CURRY.

On motion 9:50 tomorrow morning was designated as the hour for receiving the Report on Missions.

The Committee on Preaching, announced there would be no preaching in Damascus church at night, but that Dr. S. Y. Jameson had been appointed to preach in the Cuthbert Baptist church and Rev. R. A. Morgan at Bro. J. T. Peak's tonight.

Announcement was also made that 9 o'clock tomorrow morning was the hour fixed for the Woman's Missionary Union to meet at the school house.

The body adjourned with benediction.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9½ o'clock. After devotional services the roll was called and minutes of previous session read and approved after correction.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College was read, and after speeches by brethren J. W. Stanford, D. W. and W. D. Hammack, A. C. Wellons and J. S. Knowles, the hour having arrived for the reception of Report on Missions, further discussion was deferred.

The Report on Missions was read, and pending the discussion, after speeches by brethren Miller and Jameson the hour for preaching arrived, when the body adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. A. Morgan.

At 11 o'clock Rev. W. D. Hammack preached the Missionary Sermon in the church, and Rev. H. L. Crumbley was appointed to preach in the school house. Public collection for Missions \$8 88.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by the Moderator, and after song and prayer service, the following brethren were excused from further attendance upon this session: T. A. Daniel G. M. Cole, Morgan; C. P. Holmes, J. J. Johnson, Mt. Giliad; R. H. Wilson, A. P. Teel, J. W. Cumbie, Morris; J. F. Robinson, Bethel; H. J. Hayes, Providence; C. B. McKinnon, R. G. Smith, Enterprise; J. B. Parker, Bluffton; G. W. Dawson, Mt. Hebron; J. I. D. Miller, Damascus

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College was adopted as follows, as was also the annexed resolution:

The last session of Bethel College closed in June with another successful year to her credit. Her influence is yet strong in educating the minds and hearts of our boys and moulding their characters into characters of usefulness and honor.

The attendance for the year was good, and the quality of the work up to the usual standard.

Five young men received certificates for entrance into their classes at Mercer University. One of these young men receives the benefit of the free scholarship given by Mercer to Bethel. Several others are now attending Bethel preparatory to entering Mercer next year.

At the end of last session the old faculty resigned. In July W. S. Childs, A. B. (Mercer University, 1900) was elected to the presidency. Prof. Childs is a christian gentleman of high culture, and is, in every way worthy, of confidence and patronage. He has associated with him two teachers of unsurpassed ability, Mrs. Oscar Gamble and Mrs. T. J. Perry nee Miss Bessie Baldwin.

An evidence of the prosperity of the school this term is its increasing attendance. The enrollment now equals the enrollment for the entire session last year and is constantly increasing. The session bids fair to be the most prosperous that Bethel has had for several years.

The college building is in fairly good condition. Some work of repairing has been done on the dormitory.

The dormitory is in charge of an excellent family, and the young men boarding here are under the direct charge of the President at all hours. They are well looked after and everything is made as homelike as possible for them.

We recommend that a committee be appointed who shall take under consideration the advisability of placing Bethel College in the system of Corollated Schools under the direction of the Trustees of Mercer University and the Educational Commission, and that this committee be, and are hereby empowered to act, if, in their wisdom, they think best. J. W. STANFORD, President.

B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION ON REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Moved, That a committee of five be appointed, consisting of J. W. Stanford, I. A. White, J. W. Martin, E. W. Childs and L. A. Duggan, and that the same be authorized and empowered to carry out the recommendations in the report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel College, relating to the placing of Bethel College in the system of schools connected with Mercer University.

Rev. H. L. Crumbley was given permission to present the case of the widow and little daughter of Rev. W. A. Mabry, deceased, which he proceeded to do in a most earnest and pathetic manner. After remarks by several of the brethren, a special collection was taken for them, \$21 75 being contributed.

The discussion on Mission Report was resumed, and at its conclusion was returned to the Committee for correction.

The Report on Orphans Home was read, and after an earnest talk by Dr. Beck, the same was adopted, and a collection was taken, amounting to \$24 12:

We want to help the Orphan because of his individual needs; because of social demands, and because of the spiritual exercise incident to such help.

The Orphan is helpless, and in want of every good thing. He is in want of physical necessities; he is in want of intellectual stimulation; he is in want of spiritual inspiration and development.

This is all largely accounted for by the fact that he is in want of parental care and guidance. An Orphan known to us was permitted to go for the winter shoeless and without other proper clothing. This was through the thoughtlessness and heartlessness of the guardian, though the estate was ample for provision.

Society demands protection from the Orphan grown to manhood. He is ever a menace to its institutions. A boy entered a Mission Station in one of our cities. He wore a tattered coat, and this covered a shirtless back. It is not surprising that this child of the street tried soon to further cover his nakedness with a pistol in his hip pocket.

But for our own spiritual exercise, most of all, we should support the Orphans. It is more blessed to give than to receive. No tear of sympathy is ever shed that is not used to soften our own stony heart, and at length every tear must be taken up by the sunshine of God's love to the highest heavens.

We Baptists of Georgia have an Orphanage at Hapeville. We should all feel especially grateful to the noble women who have given of their prayers, of their money, and of their time to its support.

Brother Taylor, who is just severing his connection with the Orphanage, is worthy of a vote of thanks.

Brother Beck, the general manager, is a cultured, christian gentleman, thoroughly equipped for the work, but he is thinking of leaving the work. Let us all rally to its support; let us give to its support; let us pray and pray yet again for its support.

The Orphanage is in urgent need, not to mention buildings and equipments, of funds for current expenses. May the children not call in vain. Respectfully,

J. W. NEWSOM,

R. E. SMITH,

J. A. ROOKS.

The following churches also pledged the amounts opposite their names to the same cause: Arlington \$20 00; Antioch \$5 00; Cuthbert \$100 00; Damascus (Early) \$5 00; Damascus (Randolph) \$5.00; Dover \$10 00; Elim \$5.00; Enon \$5.00; Friendship \$10.00; Georgetown \$10 00; Herod \$20 00; Lebanon \$20.00; Milford \$5 00; Edison \$5 00; Bethel (Randolph) \$25 00; New Hope (Early) \$5.00; Shellman \$25.00.

The Mission Report, after being re-committed, was again presented, when it was adopted as follows:

Your committee to submit the annual report for this session of Bethel Association, feel it will be more conducive to the ends sought by the cause of Missions to lay before the body the needs of the field covered by our work than to discuss at length the subject with which we are acquainted, and to the support of which many of our people contribute in proportion to their knowledge of the immediate need of some deserving field. We suggest first, that Bethel Association take immediate and active steps to co-operate with the pastors of the weaker churches in the Southern part of the Association, with the churches without pastors, with the Bowen and the Southwestern Associations in conducting a strong and continuous effort for a thorough and safe presentation of the Word to the needy congregations, and at such other stations as our representatives feel authorized to open.

That we may accomplish the greatest ends possible, we suggest that the Executive Committee be authorized to co-operate with the Associational Mission Committees of the Bowen and Southwestern Associations, of which Dr. S. Y. Jameson is the recognized chairman. Respectfully submitted.

J. I. D. MILLER, Chairman.

The body adjourned, after the following announcements: Rev. W. H. Norton to preach in Cuthbert, and Rev. J. S. Knowles at Bro. J. T. Peak's, tonight.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The body met at 9 o'clock. After song and prayer service, the minutes of previous session were read and confirmed.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and after being discussed by brethren D. W. Hammack, H. B. Humphrey, J. W. Stanford, H. L. Keese, J. H. Manry, J. S. Knowles and others, the report was adopted as follows:

The commandment to "Teach the children" is a God-given command. It comes down to us through the ages, and is just as compulsory today, as at any time during the past.

For this purpose the Sunday School was organized by consecrated men, that the way of the Lord might be more perfectly taught. Then the Sunday school is the organized way of teaching the bible to the children. Each church, then, should thoroughly organize itself into a Sunday School, by selecting broad-minded, consecrated, competent Superintendents and Teachers, who are peculiarly fitted for this work, and are willing to lay aside everything else that would hinder, and give this work their best preparation, prayers and service.

The Sunday School is not a Singing School. While we would not discourage singing at the proper time and place, still the Superintendent or Teacher, who has no higher conception or broader capacity than to make this the important feature of the Sunday School hour, advertises their incapacity, and ought to realize that they have gotten into a place they are not fitted to fill, and to which God has not called them.

We want to emphasize the necessity for a LIBRARY IN EVERY SCHOOL, where good books can be had by the children, and where they are encouraged by the Superintendent, whose official duty it is, to do this, to read them instead of the dime novel trash that is fast flooding each community. Our religious press and denominational book stores are giving us more and better books than ever before, and make the prices so cheap that any School, no matter how poor, can have a library.

If more attention is not paid to the kind of books the children read, we will discover, when it is too late to remedy it, that the rising generation will be largely given to scoffing at, and unbelief in the Scriptures. Let each Superintendent and Pastor, see

to it, that the literature is of the right kind and abundant in quantity. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD,
D. R. MITCHNER,
R. B. MARTIN.

The report of Committee on Digest of Letters was received and after correction, was adopted as follows:

We are glad to report that, so far as we are able to ascertain, the churches have given more for the cause of our blessed Savior during this Associational year than they have given in the history of the Association. The churches, generally, are in a good condition. We believe the hosts of the Lord are waking up from their long sleep, and will in the future do more for the cause of Missions than they have ever done.

We note there has been 156 baptisms since our last Association. We also find about two thirds of the churches have Sabbath Schools.

So far as we know, only one church, Colomokee, has invited the next Association. Respectfully,

W. O. CRUMBLEY,
J. G. CORLEY,
R. C. POOLE.

The report of the Auditor was read, and, together with the Treasurer's Report, adopted as follows:

D. W. HAMMACK, Treasurer.
In Account with Bethel Baptist Association.
DR.

Oct, 30, 1902.	By Cash Public Collection for Orphans Home.....	\$ 31 79
" " "	By 4 Checks from Association.....	928 51
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Nov. 14, "	To amt. J. N. Stanford. Minutes, Assn'l Funds	\$ 61 30
" 15, "	To Chk State Missions, to Jameson	163 28
" " "	To Chk. Home Missions, to Jameson.....	186 33
" " "	To Chk Special Missions, Jameson	41 70
" " "	To Chk. For. Special Mission, Jameson.....	248 12
" " "	To Chk. to Jameson for Mercer University ...	1 00
" " "	To Chk. to Jameson for Monroe College....	26 50
" " "	To Chk. to Jameson for Ministerial Education	10 61
" " "	To Chk. to Jameson for Indigent Ministers. ..	39 00
" " "	To Chk to Jameson for Or. Home, Hapeville.	148 90
" " "	To Chk. to Jameson, Sp. Col. Orphans Home.	31 79
" " "	To Chk. to Jameson, Undirected fund.	1 77

\$960 30

Have examined the above report and find the same correct.

I. B. MANRY, Auditor.

Bro. D. W. Hammack was re elected Treasurer by acclamation. (A nice compliment and worthily bestowed.)

The report of committee on Nominations was received and adopted as follows:

Introductory Sermon R. C. Poole, W. O. Crumbley Alternate;
Missionary Sermon I. A. White, J. W. Newson, Alternate.

Messengers to the State Convention—E. R. Ward, W. S. Keese,
J. I. D. Miller, I. A. White, B. Broom, J. W. and W. B. Stanford,
J. S. Knowles, G. R. Bisby, W. L. Culbertson, J. D. Gunn. H. L.

Keese, W. T. Rogers, A. J. Jones, J. H. Manry, J. B. Payne, T. M. Davis, J. F. Bynum, M. E. Tison, B. E. Joiner, L. A. Duggan.

Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention—W. L. Culbertson, I. A. White.

Board of Trustees Bethel College—J. W. Stanford, W. T. Jay, J. E. Mansfield, J. W. Martin, A. H. Teal, W. W. Binion, D. W. Hammack, E. W. Childs, W. D. Hammack, J. E. Paullin, J. C. Martin, G. R. Bisby, J. S. Knowles, B. W. Ellis, B. W. Davis, W. Z. T. Bridges, T. Moody, L. A. Duggan, J. H. Manry, D. R. Stewart, J. W. Newsom, J. G. Cooley, W. R. Curry.

Executive Committee—J. W. Stanford, J. E. Paullin, W. R. Curry.

W. D. HAMMACK,
W. L. CULBERTSON.

Brethren visiting sister Associations were requested to act as Correspondents from this body.

On time and place of next meeting—Colomokee and Salem churches, each having extended an invitation, the Association decided in favor of Salem, with time of meeting as heretofore.

Standing Committees appointed as follows: On Missions—W. Z. T. Bridges, J. T. Peak, G. W. Chambless; Temperance—W. D. Hammack, A. J. Jones, A. B. Cross; Education—J. W. Newsom, T. A. Daniel, J. W. Cumbie; Sabbath Schools—D. W. Hammack, J. A. Rooks, E. J. Hobbs; Obituaries—W. L. Culbertson, K. B. Martin, E. B. Bass; Orphan Home—J. W. Stanford, G. W. Dawson, Richmond Ferguson; Denominational Literature—I. A. White, H. B. Humphrey, J. T. Peak.

Report on Obituaries, was read and adopted as follows:

Your committee begs leave to report that there has been no deaths among our ministers in the Bethel Association, for which we are grateful to our Heavenly Father.

J. W. MARTIN, Chm'n.

In gratitude to God for such an expression of divine providence, Rev. B. Broom was requested to offer prayer.

The report of Finance Committee was submitted, and the amount of yesterday's public collection, \$8 88, was ordered directed to State Missions, and same be spread on the minutes:

Brethren Bethel Association—Your Finance Committee beg leave to report having received the following funds:

For Minutes.....	\$ 23 65
For Associational Purposes.....	25 26
For State Missions.....	355 57
For Home Missions.....	191 85
For Foreign Missions.....	190 81
For Orphans Home.....	110 07
For Ministerial Education.....	12 70
For Monroe College.....	35 99

For Mercer University.....	3 70
For Funds not directed.....	9 69
For Public Collection.....	9 92

We further find sent up for denominational purposes, \$ 974 51

Total for all purposes, during Associational year, as per 1 524 64

statistical table attached hereto..... \$2 499 15

Respectfully submitted, D. R. STEWART,
J. M. TAYLOR,
J. D. GUNN.

The report on Temperance was read, and after discussion, adopted, as follows:

We wish to express our great satisfaction with the present workings of prohibition in our State, praying that the work so nobly done thus far, may be greatly blessed of God, and that no backward step be taken. That we are unalterably opposed to the sale of spirituous and malt liquors in any and all forms and ways: that we are especially opposed to the dispensary system as adopted by some counties, and believe all christian voters ought to work and vote against the evil whenever an opportunity presents itself. That it is the sense of this body that no christian can use alcoholic liquors in any form as a beverage, without gross sin in the sight of God. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. NICHOLS, Ch'm'n.

The report on Education was submitted, and pending the discussion, a resolution was adopted requesting the pastors of the Association at the earliest opportunity after returning home to ask their churches to make a contribution for the support of Monroe Female College. Dr. Stanford and Bro. D. W. Hammack also made pleas for the support of Mercer University. The report was adopted:

Your committee on Education, beg to submit the following report: Since we last met at Bluffton, the denomination of Baptists, as a body of organized christian believers, has spoken in no doubtful language upon the great question of christian education. In our State Convention this question was enough to occupy a most conspicuous part in their deliberations. Some of the best brain-power, the greatest heart-power and most earnest prayers have been back of the educational movement from brethren throughout the State.

Nor has their labor and their prayers been unheeded. We have evidence that God has heard their prayers, for better equipment along educational needs, and money has piled into the places needing it from consecrated Baptist men and women, who gladly received the call for help and then provided the means to equip our Baptist institutions for larger and better work than ever before in the history of our denomination. We are glad to report the Baptist schools, adopted by the State Convention, enjoying the largest patronage in their experience, having better equipment to teach, in the brains back of them, as well as the material comfort provided for the student body.

(II)

And brethren—heed and ponder what we say now: If the Baptists shall continue to lead the christian hosts of Georgia, and teach the doctrines of the New Testament, as we believe them, convincing and persuading our friends who are out of the fold, to believe and accept the teachings of Christ as we believe them, we must realize and wake up to the fact that we are just beginning to learn what we must do and determine, God helping and guiding us, to do better things for His cause along this line than we have ever done. The advancement of Monroe College, at Forsyth, and Mercer University, at Macon, is sufficient cause for congratulation, but it eloquently calls to every loyal Baptist, telling us that the field is still “white unto harvest.” Our christian brethren of the other denominations are making great strides along educational lines in Georgia; their ministry is being elevated and their influence broadened by the best educational advantages money can buy, and brains can build. Let their worthy endeavor but urge us on to greater zeal unto this good work in our own ranks. As touching the work and needs of our own school, Bethel College, the report of your Board of Trustees will fully advise you.

We further submit, that as a part of the organized body of Georgia Baptists, we believe it to be the duty, if we would be consistent, to recommend that the Board of Trustees decline to accept the public school fund after the current year, which has heretofore been received and applied to the maintenance of Bethel College. Fraternally submitted. JNO. D. GUNN, Ch'm'n.

Benevolence and Morris churches asked for letters of dismission from the body, and after expressions of regret on the part of several brethren, the same were granted.

The clerk was instructed to print and distribute the minutes, using the funds sent up for that purpose.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, Rev. Jno. W. Martin made a plea for the re-establishment of the colportage work within the bounds of the Association. He was ably seconded by Revs. I. A. White, H. B. Humphrey, Dr. J. W. Stanford, G. R. Bisby, J. D. Gunn and others. As a result of these talks, the following amounts were pledged by individuals and churches, and the Executive Committee was instructed to employ a colporteur as soon as sufficient funds were in hand to warrant the same: J. W. Martin, I. B. Manry, B. Broom, \$5 00 each; Executive Committee, \$25.00; S. W. Manry, R. B. Martin, D. W. Hammack, J. H. Manry, \$5 00 each; B. W. Ellis \$10.00; L. A. Duggan, G. W. Chambless, I. A. White, W. D. Hammack, H. A. Mc Niel, Aid Society Shellman church, Aid Society Cuthbert church, Aid Society Ft. Gaines church, Mrs. J. W. Stanford, \$5.00 each; Ft. Gaines church, \$10 00; Damascus, (Randolph) Vilulah, Coleman and Rehobeth churches, \$5 00 each; C. B. Fisher \$2.50

On motion the Moderator was requested to appoint a committee on Denominational Literature, and turn same over to the clerk to be incorporated in the minutes.

The following resolution of thanks was tendered the members of Damascus and Cuthbert churches:

That a vote of thanks be, and are hereby tendered the good people of Damascus and Cuthbert for their unbounded hospitality in entertaining this session of the Bethel Association.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. John Martin.

J. N. STANFORD, Clerk. L. A. DUGGAN, Moderator.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty five members, or fractional part thereof, after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2 This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches, nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3 It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4 Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot or otherwise.

5 The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6 The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7 He shall see that brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8 The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall have no voice in determining questions except in case of a tie.

9 The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it, when required, and shall print and distribute the minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall, from time to time appropriate to that purpose.

10 The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association, through her Executive Committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11 The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12 All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13 No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This constitution and rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of three members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

ART. 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through faith in the Son of God.

ART. 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the Gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

ART. 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART. 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints;" that all those who are truly regenerated and born again will ultimately be saved in heaven that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons.

ART. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

ART. 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

ART. 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judg-

ment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell. on principles of righteousness.

WOMAN'S WORK.

DAMASCUS, WEDNESDAY, A. M., OCT. 28, 1903.

Union called to order by the President, Mrs. J. E. Paullin.

Song—"Nearer my God to Thee."

Prayer.

Devotional exercises, led by President, who read passages on the Women of the Bible.

Roll call of delegates, following Societies responding:

Benevolence—Mesdames Binion, McGrady, P. E. and W. S. Keese.

Blakely—By Letter.

Bluffton—Mesdames P. H. Singletary, J. E. Mansfield.

Coleman—Mesdames D. W. and W. D. Hammack.

Cuthbert—Mesdames C. Taylor, L. A. Duggan, I. A. White, J. D. Gunn.

Ft. Gaines—Mesdames Jesse McLendon, J. E. Paullin.

Georgetown—Mrs. J. W. Newsom.

Midway—Misses Laura Lokey, Emmie and Lila Gay.

Morris—Mrs. S. E. Sparks, Miss Mattie May Cumbie.

Shellman—Mesdames W. R. Curry, M. S. Watts.

Spring Vale—Mrs. F. M. Garner.

An earnest appeal from Dr. Willingham, also letters from our Missionaries were read.

Prayer for Bro. Willingham and our Missionaries on the Foreign Fields.

Letters from Dr. F. C. McConnell and Miss Buhlmaier, our Pier Missionary in Baltimore, were read.

Meeting adjourned for preaching services.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

Opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. W. S. Keese. Reading Luke 10:38 42, "Mary's choice."

Mrs. Paullin was induced to reconsider her resignation, and serve as President of the Union another year.

Mrs. S. E. Sparks, Morris, Ga., was elected Secretary; Mrs. J. D. Gunn, Cuthbert, Ga., Treasurer.

Reports from Societies, a majority of which showed some advancement in our Master's cause.

Dr. Jameson, by special invitation, spoke on State Missions. He insisted that Georgia women are **not** doing a

just part by our State work.

Adjourned.

MRS. J. E. PAULLIN, Pres.

MRS. W. S. KEESE, Sec'y.

Since the Association adjourned the Clerk has received the following report from the Ladies Missionary Society of the Blakely church, together with a request that it be published in connection with the above:

IMPROVEMENT.

Bought Church Electric Lights, \$ 71.18.
Paid on Church Repairs, 272 65.
Marble Slabs for Graves Con. D'd, 107.00.

MISSIONS.

Previously sent up, \$22 35
Cash Ch Messengers, 13 29
Box for Or. Home, 30.00

Total, \$450.83

\$65 64

By order of the Society.

MRS. L. D. GAY, Pres.

MISS BELLE CORDRAY, Sec'y.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the publication of the minutes was delayed over a month.

CLERK.

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE
Antioch.	Clay.....	J W Newsome.	W F Cross.....	Morris.....
Arlington....	Calhoun ..	W L Culbertson	L L Lyon.....	Arlington...
Bluffton ..	Clay.....	J E Dykes.....	R G Smith.....	Bluffton ..
Bethel.....	Clay.....	J A Rooks.....	J C Camp.....	Womack....
Benevolence.	Randolph..	W S Keese.	J E Coram.....	Benevolence
Bethany.....	Baker	W O Crumbley.	W A White.....	Peace
Beulah.....	Early.....	.....	W W Jernigan.	Cedar Spr'gs
Blakely.....	Early.....	B W Davis.....	A M Irwin.....	Blakely.....
Coleman.....	Randolph..	W W Arnold.	R G Hammack.	Coleman....
Colomokee ..	Early.....	J G Corley	J C Bailecom...	Blakely.....
Cuthbert....	Randolph..	I A White.....	T F Moody.....	Cuthbert....
Damascus...	Early.....	J I D Miller....	J N Evans.....	Elmo.....
Damascus...	Randolph..	J W Martin....	J T Peak	Cuthbert....
Dover.....	Terrell.....	W W Mabry.....	J L Henry.....	Dawson.....
Edison.....	Calhoun ..	B W Davis.....	H E Hammack	Edison.....
Elim.....	Calhoun....	W L Culbertson	G R Collins.....	Morgan.....
Enon.....	Quitman....	J W Newsome.	John Moore.....	Hatcher....
Enterprise...	Clay.....	J E Dykes.....	R G Smith.....	Bluffton....
Ft. Gaines..	Clay.....	G R Bisby.....	L M Killingsw' h	Ft Gaines ..
Friendship..	Randolph ..	J G Corley.....	V A Poindexter	Shellman....
Georgetown..	Quitman....	J W Newsome.	Charles Kaigler	Georgetown.
Herod.....	Terrell	B Broome.....	W J Mathews ..	Dawson.....
Hillside....	Early.....	.....	.....	.....
Hilton.....	Early.....	J A Rooks.....	Geo E Tison...	Hilton.....
Leary.....	Calhoun....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	Terrell.....	J S Knowles ..	R J Grier.....	Sasser.....
Midway.....	Clay.....	W S Keese.....	W E Gay.....	Georgetown.
Milford.....	Baker.....	J P Sauls.....	J W Johnson...	Milford.....
Morgan.....	Calhoun....	Z T Weaver ..	C B Weayer ..	Morgan.....
Morris.....	Quitman....	W S Keese	J W Cumble ..	Morris.....
Mt. Gilead ..	Clay.....	J E Dykes.....	R L Shaw.....	Ft Gaines...
Mt. Hebron..	Miller	W O Crumbley.	W B Shepard..	Eugene.....
Mt Hebron..	Randolph ..	J G Corley.....	Nelson Fellows.	Cuthbert....
Mt. Vernon..	Clay.....	J E Dykes.....	J B Wiles.....	Ft Gaines...
Mt Zion.....	Clay.....	J E Dykes.....	C A Belisle....	Ft Gaines...
New Bethel..	Randolph..	W L Culbertson	R Ferguson.....	Cuthbert R3
New Hope ..	Early.....	W O Crumbley.	S L Houston...	Colquitt R1
Pine View...	Early.....	R C Pool.....	J Q Scarborough	Lucile.....
Providence ..	Early.....	R C Pool.....	W E Hayes.....	Blakely.....
Rehobeth....	Randolph..	J G Corley.....	O H Callaway..	Shellman....
Salem.....	Calhoun ..	W L Culbertson	I B Manry.....	Edison.....
Shellman....	Randolph..	W L Culbertson	I A Martin.....	Shellman....
Shiloh.....	Clay.....	W H Norton....	A B Cross.....	Morris.....
Spring Vale ..	Randolph..	W H Simmons.	T M Davis.....	Spring Vale.
Vilulah.....	Randolph..	J W Martin	B E Joiner.....	Coleman....

TABLE.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Number of Members.	Days of Meeting.
G W Watson and J O Griffith.....	9	..		1			40	3
A L Miller.....	9	7		6	..	3	86	1 3
W O Spurlock, J B Parker, J E Killingsworth	1	1	..	1	..	2	71	1
James F Robinson.. [and H L Keese	9	4	..	1	..	..	34	1
J C Taylor, D R Mitchiner, J E Coram, W S	1	3		14	1	3	107	1
G L Dykes, Morgan Roe and W O Crumley	4	4	..	2	..	..	67	2
J L Ricks and W W Jernigan.....	..	4	..	2	..	..	22	2
W Z T Bridges..... [A J Jones	..	10	..	2	1	2	132	2 4
W D and D W Hammack, J W Nichols and	5	12	1	15	..	2	98	4
W J Jordan, W H Lee, J G Corley, [Stanford	17	16	1	3	..	..	91	3
I A White, L A Duggan, J D Gunn, J N and J W	5	27		20	..	3	212	1 2 3 4
J I D Miller, R C Pool, B M George.....	5	8	..	4	2	..	51	1
Henier, Clark, Peavy, Harrell, J T & D G Peak	2	3	..	15	2	..	151	2
T J Mabry, W S Thornton and J L Henry..	3	..	..	8	..	1	67	2
H P Humphrey and Warren Plowden.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J A Riley	23	5	2	1	9	3	106	3
J W Newsome and W B Hart	2	..	..	19	..	1	87	1
R G Smith and C B McKinnon.....	1	2	..	2	2	2	68	1
G R Bisby and B F Grimsley	6	1	..	4	3	..	154	1 2 3 4
J H Manry, F S Melton, J Paul, H R Faircloth	1	16	..	7	1	1	78	2
C B Fisher and I L Balkcom .....	..	3	..	5	..	2	66	4
B Broome and G W Chambless.....	..	..	..	4	..	..	76	4
Not represented .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
C M Kenny and J M Pate.....	..	2	..	4	..	..	27	2
Not represented .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J S Knowles and R J Grier.....	1	5	..	..	2	..	50	1
E J Hobbs	1	1	..	11	..	..	39	2
J F Griffin and Robert Hart.....	..	..	..	6	2	1	32	2
T A Daniel and G M Cole.....	25	3	4	11	1	1	127	4
A P Teel, R H Wilson and J W Cumbie.....	2	7	..	..	..	1	35	4
Linton Peterson, J J Johnson, C P Holmes.....	..	1	1	2	..	2	35	4
J A Rook and G C Free .....	..	3	..	10	..	..	45	3
N Fellows, E B Bass, J W Martin, G W and	4	1	..	..	..	1	129	1
B F Pearce.....	7	2	..	2	..	..	54	2
C A Belisle, E A Hubbard and Wm Gentry	..	1	..	1	1	1	47	3
J Martin, D R Stewart, J M Taylor, B F Man-	9	3	3	6	..	2	141	3
J L Moody, C W Middleton... [ry, R Ferguson	10	11	2	2	2	..	145	4
A S Money, W D Hay and J C Scarborough.	2	7	..	7	3	..	51	1
H J Haves, D W Harrell and J T Bruner..	2	4	..	6	..	1	41	4
Henier, Bell, Schram, Tison and Lanier.....	4	2	1	10	..	2	101	3
SW Manry, W E Tanner, J B Turner, I B Manry	15	5	1	27	..	1	177	4
W L Culbertson, C M Cheney, R B Martin	4	13	1	7	..	1	89	2 4
A B Cross..... [and J B Payne	..	1	..	11	..	..	71	2
W R Ledden and J N Massee.....	..	..	..	6	..	3	33	3
Lindsay Ragan, Blackburn, Knowles McF	5	3	..	3	5	4	147	3

FINANCIAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	For Missions.	Orphans' Home.	Pastors' Salaries.
Arlington....	Calhoun ..	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 250 00
Antioch.....	Clay.....	65	60	5 98	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Bethel.....	Clay.....	25	25	2 25	2 20	2 20	2 20	.....
Benevolence..	Randolph...	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany.....	Baker	50	50	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....
Beulah.....	Early.....	35	40	8 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Blakely	Early.....	1 50	1 00	8 66	8 95	11 68	.....	500 00
Bluffton ..	Clay.....	75	75	12 30	12 30	12 30	14 50	200 00
Coleman	Randolph ..	75	75	8 43	.....	.....	8 93	228 00
Colomokee ..	Early.....	75	75	20 00	20 00	20 00	6 35	.....
Cuthbert....	Randolph...	2 00	1 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	950 00
Damascus...	Randolph...	1 00	50	4 00	4 00	4 00	74	100 00
Damascus...	Early.....	50	25	11 25	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Dover.....	Terrell.....	1 00	1 00	10 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	125 00
Edison.....	Calhoun ..	50	50	7 00	2 50	2 50	.....	.....
Elim.....	Calhoun....	50	50	7 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enon.....	Quitman....	75	50	16 75	.....	.....	.....	150 00
†Enterprise..	Clay.....	50	50	.....	.....	2 96	.....	.....
Ft. Gaines..	Clay.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	700 00
Friendship..	Randolph ..	1 00	50	12 00	12 00	18 81	10 00	160 00
Georgetown ..	Quitman....	75	50	16 60	.....	.....	.....	150 00
Herod.....	Terrell.....	75	75	15 00	10 00	.....	4 50	200 00
Hillside....	Early.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hilton....	Early.....	50	50	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	.....
Leary.....	Calhoun....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	Terrell	75	1 00	32 45	10 00	11 00	5 00	.....
Midway.....	Clay	50	1 00	2 55	2 15	8 20	4 00	125 00
Minford.....	Baker	65	60	50	2 85	3 85	.....	56 50
Morgan....	Calhoun....	1 50	1 00	7 50	7 00	7 00	.....	175 00
Morris.....	Quitman....	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Mt Gilead ..	Clay	50	50	6 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt Hebron ..	Randolph ..	75	75	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 50	.....
Mt Hebron...	Miller	50	50	2 55	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Mt Vernon..	Clay.....	50	50	.....	.....	6 00	3 15	.....
Mt Zion.....	Clay.....	1 00	65	.....	.....	10 00	.....	100 00
New Bethel..	Randolph...	1 50	1 00	42 00	25 00	5 00	11 50	250 00
New Hope...	Early.....	1 00	50	3 00	2 00	.....	3 55	100 00
Pine View...	Early.....	75	75	3 80	3 80	5 00	.....	.....
Providence..	Early.....	50	50	5 00	7 10	5 00	.....	.....
Rehobeth...	Randolph...	1 00	1 00	4 00	4 00	3 80	.....	.....
Salem.....	Calhoun ..	1 50	1 00	25 00	25 00	27 50	20 00
Shellman....	Randolph...	1 00	1 00
Shiloh.....	Clay.....	75	75	15 85	2 75	100 00
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*\$5 of the \$11.68 sent, for Missions, were directed to Miss Perry. oversight only \$3.96 was turned over to F. Com. The remaining

TABLE.

Ministerial Education	Building and Repairing.	Sunday School Expenses	Visiting Ministers	Monroe F. College.	Mercer University.	Poor.	Incidentals.	Value of Church Property.	Previously Sent Up.	Grand Total.
\$..	\$75 98	\$19 72	\$..	\$..	\$..	\$..	\$24 89	\$ 800 00	\$ 75 76	\$ 447 85
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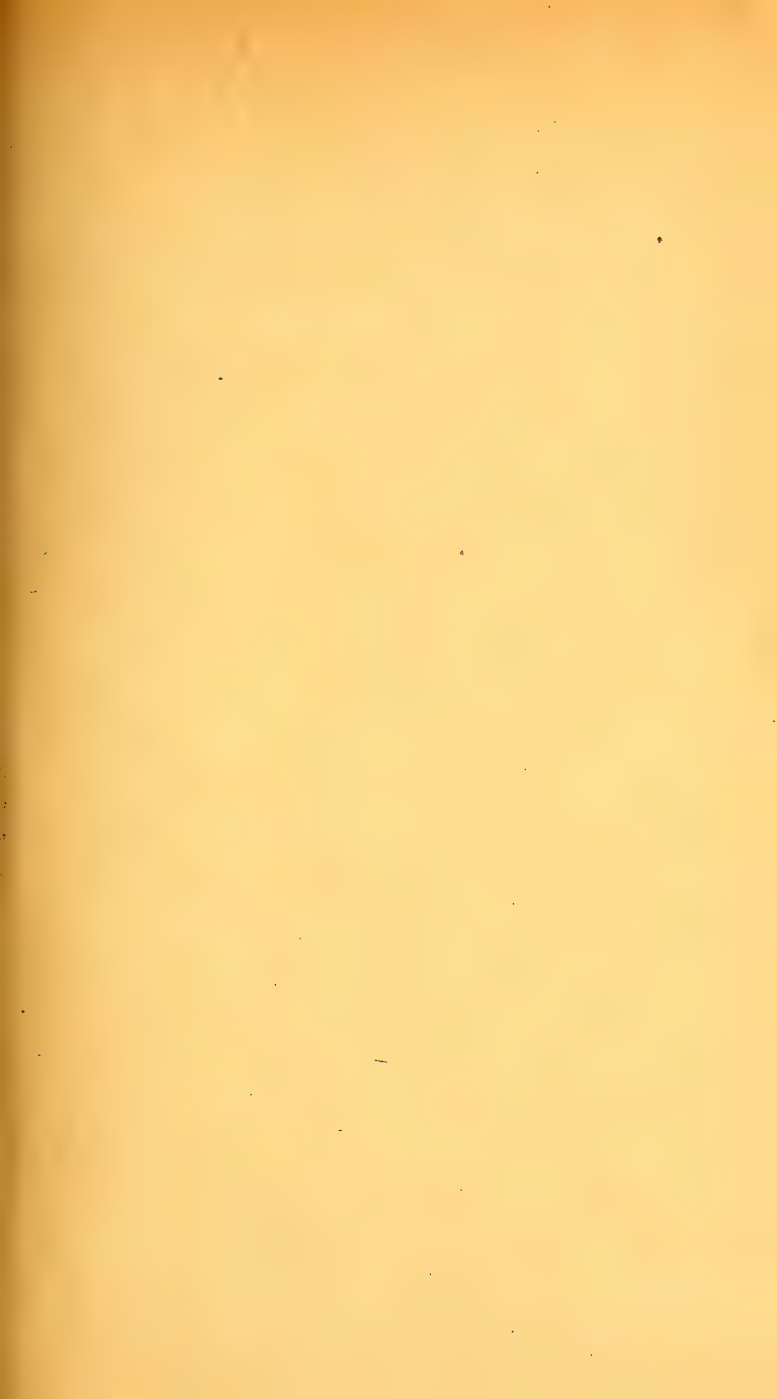
†Sent 50c for Minutes, 50c for As. Pur., and \$5 01 for F. Mis. By an \$2.05 was forwarded to Dr. Jameson, the Clerk holding receipt therefor

REGULATION SCHEDULE:

ASSOCIATIONS:		JAN'Y	FEB'Y	M'CH	AP'L	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Coosa, Chattooga, Floyd Co., Gordon Co., North Ga., Salem, Coosawattee.	A	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.
Mountain Town, Ellijav, Jasper, Notla River, Hiawasee, N. Union, Morganton	B	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. U.
Polk Co., Mid. Cherokee, Noonday, Harmony, Tallapoosa, P. Valley, New Hope.	C	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn.
Hightower, Chattahoochee, Roswell, Lawrenceville, Clarkesville, Chessate.	D	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.
Mountain United, Tugalo, Hebron, Mulberry, Liberty, Appalachee.	E	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M.
Carrollton, Concord, Fairburn, Western, Central Western, Bethlehem.	F	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. M.	Mssn.
Stone Mountain, South River, Second Georgia, Centennial.	G	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.
Central Georgia, Washington, Sarepta.	H	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.
Reholoth, Houston, Columbus, Pine Blount, Flint River, Mallary.	I	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.
Summer Hill, Bethel, Bowen, Friendship, Tucker, S. Western, Mercer.	J	M. E.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.
Mell Lit. River, N. Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Mt. Vernon, Daniel, Middle Hepzibah.	K	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.
Consolation, Piedmont, Milier, Homerville, Smyrna, N. Sunberry, Baptist Union.	L	Mssn.	M. U.	Mssn.	Mssn.	I. M.	Mssn.	Mssn.	O. H.	Mssn.	Mssn.	M. E.	Mssn.

EXPLANATIONS.

Observe as to abbreviations.—M. U., Mercer University; Mssn., Missions; M. E., Ministerial Education; I. M., Indigent Ministers; O. H., Orphan's Home.



LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bisby, G. R., Fort Gaines, Ga.
Corley, J. G., Blakely, Ga.
Crumbley, W. O., Blakely, Ga.
Culbertson, W. L., Shellman, Ga.
Davis, B. W., Blakely, Ga.
Dykes, J. E., Fitzhugh, Ga.
Hammack, W. D., Coleman, Ga.
Humphrey, H. B., Arlington, Ga.
Jones, C. E., Damascus, Ga.
Keese, W. S., Benevolence, Ga.
King, J. J., Blakely, Ga.
Knighton, C. H., Shellman, Ga.
Knowles, J. S., Leslie, Ga.
Martin, John, Bethel, Ga.
Martin, J. W., Cuthbert, Ga.
Miller, J. I. D., Arlington, Ga.
Nichols, J. W., Coleman, Ga.
Pate, J. L., Bluffton, Ga.
Pool, R. C., Damascus, Ga.
Rooks, J. A., Colquitt, Ga.
Sullivan, S. F., Cuthbert, Ga.
Sauls, J. W., Lodrick, Ga.
Sauls, J. P., Lodrick, Ga.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt an Order of Business for the present Session.
4. Hear Application for Membership
5. Fix the Hours for Meeting and Adjourning.
6. Appoint Committees to Report at the Present Session, Namely: (1) On Preaching; (2) on Finance; (3) on Auditing; (4) on Digest of Letters from the Churches and State of Churches; (5) on Nominations (to Preach Introductory and Mission Sermons at Next Session, Delegates to the State Convention, Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College, and Executive Committee).
7. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational Enterprises, and Visitors.
8. Hear the Report of the Treasurer.
9. Hear the Report of the Executive Committee.
10. Hear the Report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
11. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) On Missions; (2) on Sunday Schools; (3) on Temperance; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries; (6) on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches; (7) on Nominations; (8) on Finance; (9) on Auditing; (10) on Orphans Home; (11) on Denominational Literature.
12. Elect Treasurer.
13. Appoint Correspondents.
14. Fix the Time and Place for Holding Next Session.
15. Appoint Committees to Report Next Session; (1) On Missions; (2) on Temperance; (3) on Sunday Schools; (4) on Education; (5) on Obituaries; (6) on Orphans Home; (7) on Denominational Literature.
16. Call for Applications for Dismission.
17. Arrange for Printing the Minutes and for the Clerk's fee.
18. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Seventy-Second Annual Session

—OF THE—

Bethel Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH THE—

Salem Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Georgia,
OCTOBER 25, 26 AND 27, 1904.

OFFICERS:

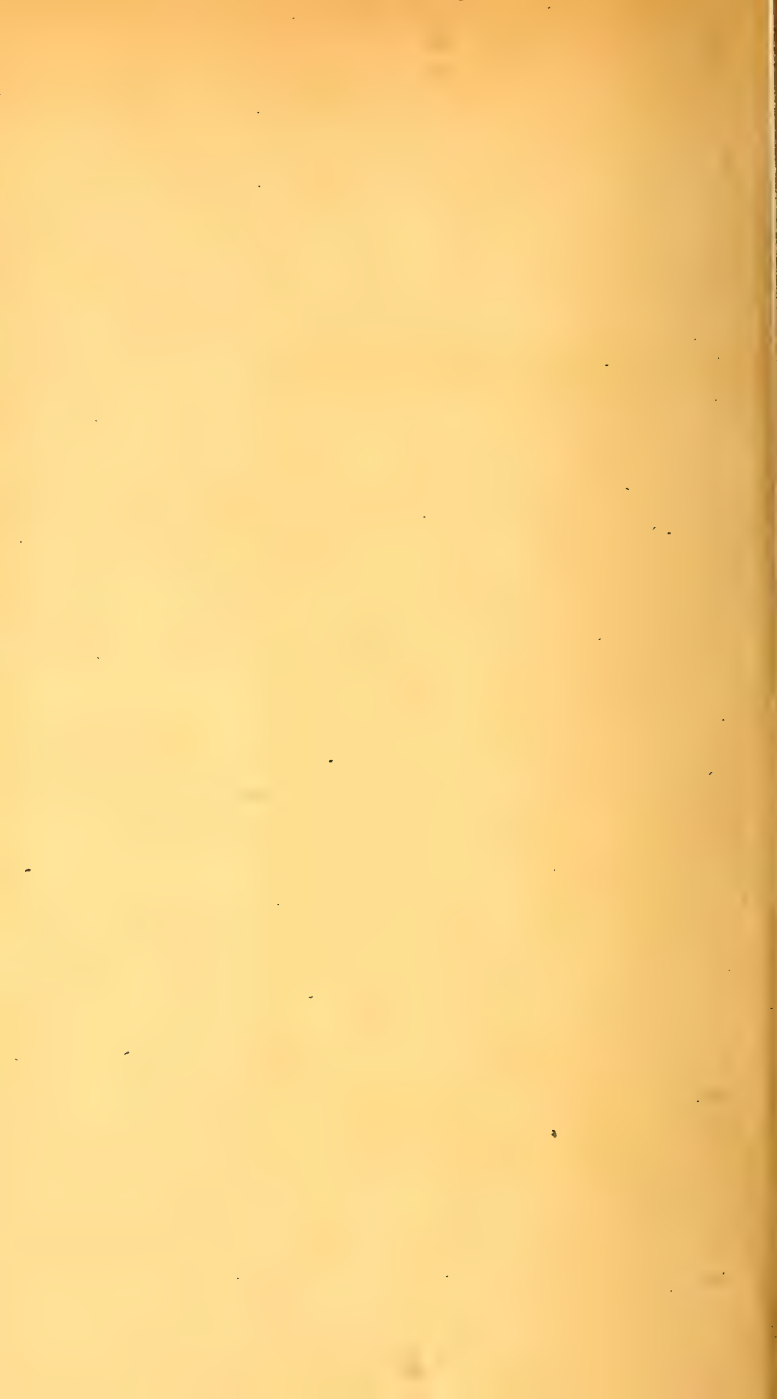
MODERATOR—BRO. L. A. DUGGAN, - - Cuthbert, Ga.
CLERK—BRO. J. N. STANFORD, - - - Cuthbert, Ga.
TREASURER—BRO. D. W. HAMMACK, - - Coleman, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

BRO. J. W. STANFORD. BRO. J. E. PAULLIN.
BRO. W. R. CURRY.

Next Session Meets With Colomokee Church, Early County, Ga., on Tuesday after the Fourth Sunday in
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MINUTES.

SALEM CHURCH, CALHOUN COUNTY, GA., }
October 25th, 1904. }

The Seventy-Second Annual Session of the BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with Salem church on above date. After an interesting preliminary service, conducted by Rev. A. C. Wellons, and a few minutes intermission, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. N. W. Hurst, of Barnesville, text, Rev., 2:10-11.

After preaching, and announcements, the body adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m., the Association re-assembled. After a song and prayer service, the roll of messengers was called and perfected as far as possible, The body was then permanently organized by the re-election of former Moderator and Clerk by acclamation.

The Order of Business, as appearing in old minutes, was adopted, and the hours of meeting and adjourning fixed as follows: Meet at 9 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at 10:50 a. m., and at will in the afternoon.

Dr. S. Y. Jameson, Secretary of the State Board of Missions of the Georgia Baptist Convention, being present, but forced to leave on the night train to meet other engagements, was requested to address the body upon the question of Missions, and he did so in a most entertaining manner, invoking divine guidance and the blessings of Jehovah upon the Association at the conclusion, in prayer.

The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—Rev. W. L. Culbertson, together with the messengers from Salem and Edison churches.

On Finance—J. H. Manry, E. W. Childs and J. B. Payne.

On Auditing—J. M. Taylor.

On Digest of Letters—J. N. Massee, E. J. Hobbs, and J. E. Henier.

On Nominations—J. W. Martin, W. H. Ferguson and A. B. Cross.

The following correspondents and representatives of denominational enterprises were recognized: Rev. A. C. Wellons Friendship, Rev. N. W. Hurst Centennial, Rev. H. L. Crumbley Summer Hill Associations; Dr. S. Y. Jameson, Secretary of the State Board of Missions of the Georgia Baptist Convention, Rev. B. M. Pack Christian Index,

Dr. J. W. Stanford Mercer University, and Bro. L. E. Brown Orphan's Home.

Upon motion the Report on Orphan's Home was made the special order for 10 a. m. tomorrow, and to hear from its worthy agent, Bro. L. E. Brown.

The report of Treasurer was deferred until tomorrow.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Was received, and after discussion, adopted as follows:

Another Associational year has closed, and we are permitted, by a kind Providence, to meet again. We trust that the record made by all the churches will be pleasing to the Master.

There is much for which we should be profoundly grateful. Abundant crops all over our section should remind us that our Heavenly Father is the God of the harvest, and should suggest to us that if we will honor Him with that which He gives us, He will open the windows of heaven wider and give us still larger blessings.

We are pleased to note that many of our churches have had, what appears upon the surface, to be large ingatherings of numbers. If they have been received in the old Apostolic way, the only way authorized by the Bible to receive members, after repentance, regeneration and baptism by immersion, then under proper pastoral care and church training, they can be made a great blessing to the churches and the Master's cause.

We did not put the Colporteur, spoken of at the last Association, in the field, for the want of sufficient funds, and did not feel authorized to make a debt upon the Association. It will take about four hundred dollars to start this work. Three hundred for salary and one hundred for books. We would suggest to each of the churches that they can greatly lighten the burden of the finance committee by not bringing their money to the Association, but sending it promptly to Rev S. Y. Jameson, D. D., Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the State Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and bringing their vouchers instead.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD,

W. R. CURRY,

J. E. PAULIN.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of BETHEL COLLEGE,

Was received and adopted as follows,

The last session of the Association appointed a committee of five to transfer the property to Mercer University, if in their wisdom they thought proper; that it might be made one of the Mercer schools in the correlated system under the Educational Commission appointed by the State Baptist Convention. Your trustees co-operated with this committee, who labored faithfully to bring about a condition of affairs, viz: The complete separation of church and state, in order that this end might be ac-

complished. They succeeded, but were too late for the establishment of the school referred to in time for this year, but expect to be in perfect condition for next year.

There is now a successful school in the college building of near 200 boys and girls, with five teachers doing fine work. The property is in fairly good repair and is being looked after and well cared for. Respectfully submitted,

B. W. ELLIS, Sec'y.

J. W. STANFORD, Ch'm'n.

Preaching Committee made the following announcements: Rev. H. L. Crumbley to preach in this house tonight, Rev. J. G. Corley in Edison church, and Rev. R. C. Pool in the Manry School House.

The report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Was received, and after discussion, participated in by brethren D. W. Hammack, I. A. White and L. E. Brown, adopted as follows:

Raising our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is the object of the Sunday school, and no church or member can neglect this duty and escape conviction of one of the greatest sins of omission. Man's worth is measured only by the amount of God's truth he can learn and practice while in life. One of the happiest scenes connected with the church, is God's people gathering with their families on the Lord's day to be instructed of Him.

The essential qualification for Sunday school work is a burning desire to do something for the Lord, and when His glory is the sole object of our effort, duty is pleasant to perform.

Our love for Him and the advancement of His cause is manifest only in humble sacrifice and service we are willing to render, and to this end we admonish our brethren to awake with all the zeal and energy of soul, to greater activity for the enlargement of His kingdom, and the worthy sustenance of our relationship with Him as joint heirs with His Son, our Lord and Savior.

So far as your committee is able to ascertain, Sunday school interest has some growth, but not to the extent we would like to see. We note one of the greatest barriers in the work is Sunday visiting. This however, is giving away to some extent, and we hope the time will soon come when our Sunday school intercourse will take place at the Lord's house, with the Bible as our study and topic of conversation. Respectfully submitted,

D. W. HAMMACK,

J. A. ROOKS,

E. J. HOBBS.

On motion Bro. L. L. Lyon was excused until the afternoon session tomorrow.

After further announcements, the body adjourned with prayer by Rev. B. M. Pack.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 o'clock, the Association met, and after devotional services, the body proceeded to business.

The report

ON OBITUARIES,

Was read and adopted as follows:

Dear Brethren: We acknowledge with loving gratitude the blessings of God upon us since we last met. We have only one death to report in our ministerial ranks, that of Rev. C. H. Knighton, of Elim church, who died in August. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father rest upon the church of which he was a member, and upon his family who so dearly loved him.

May it please the Lord to spare the lives of our ministers during our next Associational year.

W. L. CULBERTSON,
R. B. MARTIN, Com.

On motion the special order for hearing Report on Orphan's Home was changed from 10 o'clock, this morning, to suit the convenience of Bro. L. E. Brown.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and Bro. D. W. Hammack was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The Report on Denominational Literature was read, and pending discussion, participated in by brethren I. A. White and W. H. Norton, the time having arrived for hearing Report on Orphan's Home, its adoption was deferred.

The Report on

ORPHAN'S HOME

Was received and read. "Beckoning Hands" was sung, and after an appeal from Bro. Brown, on behalf the little ones represented by him, a special collection of \$33 83 was taken up. The report was then adopted as follows:

The Saviour said, "The poor always ye have with you" and "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." Then that which we contribute to the orphans is not given, but loaned to the Lord. Surely none would object to loaning his money to such a person, and with such collateral as He has at His command. The orphans can rightly be called the poorest of God's children. Brought into existence without their consent, and thrown upon the cold charities of the world before they are able to provide for themselves, surely God does not leave these helpless creatures unprovided for. Let us see what He says and where the responsibility of caring for them rests. As evidence that He does not forget them He says, "My ear is ever open to the cry of the widow and the orphan." Then hearing their cries for help, He places the responsibility of caring for them clearly in Psalms 10, 14, when He says, "Thou art the helper of the fatherless." He then has plainly placed the responsibility on us, His children. Let us see how faithful we are to this trust. Some thirty

years ago the organized work began of caring for the orphans by the Baptists of Georgia. The start was small with only four children in the city of Atlanta under the care of good christian women. But under God's kind protection and wise management and benevolent gifts, it has steadily grown until we now have nearly a hundred children being cared for at the home at Hapeville, nine miles this side of Atlanta, on the Central Road. There we have a 50 acre farm, two mules, six cows, and farm wagons and implements where the boys are taught agricultural and industrial pursuits, and the girls are taught to be useful.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THEIR NEEDS? The Infirmary, started some time ago is finished, but the baby department needs enlarged quarters; they are too crowded for comfort and health. They need six more cows to give healthful milk for the children, and a continual donation of supplies of food and clothing. Once each week, twelve christian women leave their homes and go out on the cars and spend three hours there overlooking each department, suggesting and planning for the comfort and care of the children. They have two teachers to teach those old enough to receive instruction. Will not every church in the Association take a special collection for the completion of this main building, and will not some brother send a cow, which the Railroad will probably deliver free? Let us lend some of that which the Lord has so abundantly given us this year, to Him in gifts to this worthy and dependent cause of His. He will return it in large measure. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman.

The Committee on Education failing to report, the Moderator appointed brethren J. B. Hobbs, W. R. Curry and J. J. Dawson to prepare and submit one.

The discussion on Denominational Literature was continued, and after speech by Rev. B. M. Pack, the body adjourned for preaching, with prayer by Bro. Pack.

At 11 o'clock Rev. I. A. White preached a splendid sermon on Missions, at the conclusion of which a public collection was taken up, amounting to \$17 21.

After announcements the body adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. the Association was called to order. After song and prayer service, the body proceeded to business.

Brethren J. F. Bynum, J. W. Lanier, W. B. Hart, R. L. Shaw, Linton Peterson, C. H. Gee, W. L. Tomlinson, Fred Steadham, O. A. Jordan, W. A. White, J. L. Ricks, H. P. Hass, H. F. Melton, W. H. Johnson, T. J. Beard and J. J. Dawson were, upon motion, excused from further attendance upon the session.

The Report on

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

Was adopted:

Your committee report as follows: Next to the living voice, the printed page is the most potent agency for distributing information, awakening interest and increasing the average of general intelligence. Merchants, politicians, public enterprises, fairs, shows and even quacks and cranks realize the value of printers' ink." "The sons of this world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of the light."

As churches and individual workers, we have not commanded anything like the full power of the press, nor realized more than a tithe or what we should upon the rich investment in this department of our Denominational activity.

Never before in the history of the world was there such abundance of reading matter and never as now such splendid facilities for obtaining it. Books, periodicals and papers, leaflets and tracts of every kind, description and quality are brought to our doors day by day—some of them with our knowledge, some without our consent—and dressed in all the grace and blandishment of modern art, find a place within our homes. Our children, unable to discriminate between the good and the bad, devour whatever is in reach. It is as much the duty of parents and guardians to protect their children against flimsy and immoral literature, as against improper, adulterated or poisonous food.

To crowd out improper reading matter, to supply our homes with wholesome mental pabulum and to build up our young people into strong, loyal, aggressive advocates of our Denominational principles and agencies, we must liberally supply and use our Denominational Literature. Baptists have a long and glorious history. Our young people ought to be familiar with it. Baptists are grounded upon the most vital and yet the simplest, safest and soundest principles and practices of the New Testament. Our young people must be taught them. In the great work of evangelizing the world Baptists are conspicuous—they have achieved much our young people must know of and be inspired to support this work.

For home and fireside reading we recommend the Christian Index—the nestor in modern Baptist journalism. It merits and should have the first place in every home in the state. For our Sunday schools, we heartily commend "Kind Words," and our series of helps, published by our Sunday School Board, at Nashville. Let teachers and superintendents secure copies and pursue a course in "Normal Studies," by Rev. B. W. Spilman, Nashville. For Ladies' Missionary Societies and all our church members, we urge the reading of "Our Home Field," Atlanta, and "The Foreign Mission Journal," Richmond, Va. And all our people, young and old, we would urgently persuade to faithfully, reverently read and prayerfully meditate upon the Word of God. Respectfully submitted, I. A. WHITE, Chairman

Brethren visiting sister Associations were requested to

act as correspondents from this body.

Revs. W. H. Norton from Rehobeth and A. B. Hawkes from Summer Hill Associations were welcomed by the Moderator. The Report

ON MISSIONS

Was received, and after speeches by Revs. W. H. Norton, A. C. Wellons, H. L. Crumbley and I. A. White, adopted:

Dear Brethren: We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: In Matthew, we find that we have John the Baptist, a Missionary, sent from heaven, preaching in the wilderness, preparing the way of the Lord, according to Isaiah's prophecy. Mark 1:4: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the son of God, as it is written in the prophets, beho'd I send my messenger before thy face to prepare the way, and to make his paths straight." In Luke, we are told that John's father, on account of unbelief, was speechless, and in six months the great Missionary of heaven and earth came, and soon after He commissioned others in the work, which increased through the apostles until we come to Paul, that great man of God. Since then the work has gradually increased, until now there is scarcely a nation the gospel is not preached to. We recommend that brethren give State Missions their heartiest support for the next month, and that we be more faithful in the future in the cause of our Master, in giving more for the spread of the gospel. Respectfully submitted.

W. Z. T. BRIDGES,
J. T. PEAK,
G. W. CHAMBLESS.

Rev. H. L. Crumbley asked permission to make a statement regarding a debt hanging over the home of sister W. A. Mabry, the wife of a deceased Baptist minister, who formerly labored as pastor of several churches in the Bethel Association, which was granted. At the conclusion of his remarks a collection of \$19.38 was taken up, for which Bro. Crumbley thanked the audience.

The Treasurer's report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee. The report

ON TEMPERANCE,

Was received, and after speech by Rev. W. H. Norton the same was adopted as follows:

Christians are required to be temperate in all things, and to let their moderation be known of all men. What we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do in word or deed, should all be done in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We believe the principles of temperance should be in the entire lives of all christians. We believe the Lord's people should not only practice total abstinence in the use of intoxicating drinks, but be very careful how they cast their votes for any candidate for office who is not opposed to the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. We note with pleasure that

the cause of prohibition has gained some signal victories during the year just passed, and recommend that churches make more earnest efforts to develop their membership along temperance lines, especially as regards intoxicating drinks. Also that they oppose the sale of whiskey, not only in barrooms, but also in the soul-destroying dispensaries. Let us stand with the Lord on this and all other questions, that He may prosper us in all that we do. Respectfully submitted.

ASHTON CROSS, Chairman.

Report of Committee

ON DIGEST OF LETTERS,

Was received, and after discussion, was adopted as follows:

We are glad to report from the general trend of the letters that the churches have given more for the cause of our blessed Savior during this year, than ever before in the history of the Association. The churches, generally, are in good condition.

We note there has been 209 baptisms since our last Association. We find about two-thirds of the churches have Sunday schools. Hillside has asked for a letter of dismissal

Respectfully submitted.

J. N. MASSEE,

E. J. HOBBS,

J. E. HENIER.

The Order of Business was suspended to let the Treasurer make a motion requesting the Finance Committee to deposit funds of Association in bank and allow him to check out same, which was carried.

The Committee on Preaching announced that Rev. A. B. Hawkes would preach in this house tonight and Rev. W. H. Norton at Edison, after which the body adjourned with prayer by Rev. B. W. Davis.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 o'clock the body met, and after religious service, business was announced in order.

The report

ON NOMINATIONS

Was received and adopted as follows:

J. G. Corley to preach Introductory Sermon J. W. Martin alternate; Missionary Sermon J. E. Dikes, Jesse Rooks alternate Messengers to State Convention—I. A. White, J. W. Stanford, W. L. Culbertson, I. A. Martin, T. Moody, J. G. Corley, B. W. Davis, J. A. Rooks and J. E. Paullin. To Southern Baptist Convention—W. D. Hammack and J. W. Martin. Board of Trustees Bethel College—J. W. Stanford, W. T. Jay, J. E. Mansfield, J. W. Martin, W. W. Binion, E. W. Childs, J. E. Paullin, B. W. Ellis, T. F. Moody, L. A. Duggan, J. H. Manry, D. R. Stewart and J. G. Corley. Executive Committee—J. W. Stanford, J. E. Paullin and W. R. Curry. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. MARTIN,

W. H. FERGUSON,

A. B. CROSS.

The report

OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Was read and adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes, as follows:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report funds sent up to Association as follows:

Minutes and Clerk	.. .. .	\$ 66 45
Indigent Ministers	.. .. .	9 60
State Missions	.. .. .	234 23
Home Missions	.. .. .	179 94
Foreign Missions	.. .. .	207 07
Orphanage	.. .. .	159 89
Ministerial Education	.. .. .	1 00
Monroe College	.. .. .	22 76
Mercer University	.. .. .	2 50
		\$ 883 44
Special Collection, undirected	.. .. .	17 91
Total paid treasurer	.. .. .	901 30
Reported previously sent up	.. .. .	2 832 71
Special Collection Orphanage	.. .. .	33 83
Special Collection Mrs. W. A. Mabry	.. .. .	19 38
Total for Associational year	.. .. .	\$3 787 27

J. H. MANRY,
J. B. PAYNE,
E. W. CHILDS.

The report

ON EDUCATION,

Was received, and after a splendid tribute, by Rev. B. W. Davis to the educational institutions of Georgia, fostered by Baptists, the same was adopted:

This is emphatically a day of education. Never, perhaps, has more attention been paid to it than now. Great strides have been made in recent years, both in the equipment of teachers and in the perfection of schools. All the states, and especially the Southern states, have made visible advances along educational lines. Efforts to reach the masses have been fairly successful; the recent adoption of the constitutional amendment, makes it possible for still more to be done. All of which facts go to show that the trend of our time is to educate, and the children who are neglected will find themselves relegated to the rear. They cannot keep abreast of the foremost.

But the drill of text books alone, is not the only need. This will produce culture, but only mental culture. The true education seeks the development of both the mental and moral nature, yea, and the still higher religious nature. Hence the necessity of schools under christian auspices. If our boys and girls are educated under state auspices alone, they will be educated indeed, but the danger is, that they may become educated infidels or agnostics.

This is especially true of higher education, and God's people are alive to this danger. Hence the establishment of high schools and colleges under christian auspices. Every christian denomination of any importance has them. We have our share. Grand old Mercer! Who does not love her, and appreciate her magnificent work and influence? Then come Monroe and Shorter, magnificent institutions of learning, now the property of the Baptists of Georgia. Then the Southern Female College at LaGrange, and Cox College. at College Park, both grand Baptist institutions, under the control of consecrated Baptist men and women.

Besides these, we have a large number of high schools under Associational control, representing thousands of dollars investment, and most of them reported in flourishing condition.

Brethren, these are a power. If we grasp and use them, patronize and sustain them, eternity alone can tell their power. We commend these institutions without exception. Let us, as far as we are able, educate our children under our own auspices, invoking God's blessing upon our efforts. Let us do it for Christ's sake, and expect God's blessing.

J. B. HOBBS,

W. R. CURRY, Com.

The report of AUDITING COMMITTEE, along with the TREASURER'S REPORT,

Was received and adopted as follows:

D. W. HAMMACK, Treasurer.

In account with Bethel Baptist Association.

DR.

Oct. 29, 1903	Public Collection	..	..	\$ 24 12
" " "	Bank Certificate	..	..	974 51

CR.

Oct. 29 1903	To A. J. Beck	..	..	\$ 24 12
Nov. 11, "	To J. N. Stanford	..	..	62 90
" " "	To S. Y. Jameson	..	..	801 54
" " "	To A. J. Beck	..	..	110 07

\$998 63 \$998 63

D. W. HAMMACK, Treasurer.

Your Committee have examined the above report and found it correct and neatly presented.

J. M. TAYLOR, Auditor

Regarding the Time and Place of Next Meeting, on motion the question was divided. Colomokee and Shellman having asked the privilege of entertaining the Association next year, upon vote it was decided in favor of Colomokee. The time of meeting, after discussion, was allowed to remain as before, on Tuesday after the Fourth Lord's Day in October, 1905.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows: On Missions—John Martin, J. T. Peak, A. S. Money; Sunday Schools—R. C. Pool, H. J. Edwards, G. W. Coram; Temperance—S. W. Manry, A. P. Stewart, Geo. W. Dawson;

Education—E. W. Childs, C. H. Gee, J. A. Rooks; Obituaries—B. W. Davis, W. B. Tye, H. P. Hass; Orphans' Home—L. L. Lyon, J. C. Balkcom, J. F. Bynum; Denominational Literature—G. W. Chambless, A. C. Sutton, J. A. Rooks.

A letter of dismissal was granted Hillside church.

On Arranging for Printing the Minutes and Clerk's Fee, the amounts sent by the churches for the purpose, was ordered turned over to the Clerk to be so used.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, the letter of dismissal granted Morris church, at last session, was returned with a request to be re-enrolled as a member of the Bethel Association, which was ordered done.

On motion excused messengers from Mt. Vernon church.

The question of establishing a colportage and mission work was discussed, and on motion of Bro D. W. Hammack the Moderator was authorized to appoint a committee of five at his leisure to look into the matter and report upon same at next session.

A vote of thanks was tendered the good people of Salem and Edison communities, for the generous and hospitable way in which they had cared for the Association during the session. The clever officials of the Georgia, Florida & Alabama Railroad, were also thanked for reduced rates.

The minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary Union was ordered printed.

Business over, the minutes were read, adopted, and after preaching by that old Soldier of the Cross, Rev. John Martin, the body adjourned with benediction and taking the parting hand.

L. A. DUGGAN, Moderator.

J. N. STANFORD, Clerk.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Bethel Association, met at Salem church on Wednesday, Oct. 26th, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. On account of the absence of the President, Mrs. J. E. Paullin, of Ft. Gaines, by request Mrs. L. A. Duggan conducted the meeting.

Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. T. F. Moody, 1st Cor., 15th chapter. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Burney, of Salem church, and responded to by Mrs. I. A. White.

A Short History of Modern Woman's Work, was read by Mrs. L. A. Duggan.

The reports from the Societies were then read, and the following delegates enrolled:

Blakely—Mesdames L. D. Gay and W. W. Brunson.
Bluffton—Mrs. P. H. Singleton, Misses Ellie Ingram
and Mattie Pounds.

Coleman—Mrs. D. W. Hammack.

Cuthbert—Mesdames L. E. Gay, J. W. Stanford, J. W.
Stanford, Jr., C. Taylor, L. G. Shuck, T. F. Moody, B. W.
Ellis, I. A. White and L. A. Duggan.

Fort Gaines—Represented by Letter.

Morris—Represented by Letter.

Midway—Mrs. Hobbs, Misses Gay and Laura Lokey.

Shellman—Mrs. M. S. Watts.

Mrs. R. L. Farnum, Cuthbert, was elected President for
the ensuing year, and Mrs. E. J. Hobbs, Hatcher, Secretary.

There being no money sent to the Union, no Treasurer
is necessary and none was elected.

Mrs. W. R. Curry being absent, her paper, "Our Aim—
A Missionary Society in Every Church," was read by Mrs.
I. A. White. The Union then adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m., devotional exercises were led by Mrs. M.
S. Watts, who read passages of scripture showing woman's
mission.

Bro. Lawson E. Brown, Supt. Ga. Baptist Orphan Home,
gave a very interesting talk concerning his work.

A paper was then read by Mrs. L. E. Gay, "Our Special
Need—Leaders—and How We Can Obtain Them." After
adjournment the session was dismissed with prayer by Mrs.
P. H. Singleton. MRS. L. A. DUGGAN, Pres. P. T.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall
consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union,
and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory.
Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional mes-
senger to every twenty-five members or fractional part thereof, after the
first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five
messengers.

2 This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches, nor
in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3 It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect
union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of ac-
tion among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4 Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall
be elected annually from the body by ballot or otherwise.

5 The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give
general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject,
however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6 The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratifica-
tion or revision of the Association.

7 He shall see that brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8 The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall have no voice in determining questions except in case of a tie.

9 The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it, when required, and should print and distribute the minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose.

10 The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association, through her Executive Committee may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11 The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second, and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12 All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13 No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14 A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15 The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16 Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17 This constitution and rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18 There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of three members, chosen from the members of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19 It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

ART. 2 We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART 3 We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

ART 4 We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through faith in the son of God.

ART 5 We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any

works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART 6 We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the Gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him

ART 7 We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART 8 We believe in the "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again will ultimately be saved in heaven; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation

ART 9 We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors and deacons

ART. 10 We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper

Art. 11 We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized

ART. 12 We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteousness to endless joy, and that this judgment will be forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

REGULATION SCHEDULE.

ASSOCIATIONS:

Cocosa, Chattoga, Floyd Co., Gordon Co., North Ga., Salem, Coosawattee.
Mountain Town, Elijah, Jasper, Nutla River, Hiawasse, N. Union, Morganton.
Polk Co. Mid. Cherokee, Noongay, Harmony, Tallapoosa, P. Valley, New Hope.
Hightower, Chattahoochee, Roswell, Lawrenceville, Clarkesville, Chatsatee.
Mountain United, Tugalo, Hebron, Mulberry, Liberty, Apalachee.
Carrollton, Concord, Fairburn, Western, Central Western, Bethlehem.
Stone Mountain, South River, Second Georgia Centennial.
Central Georgia, Washington, Sarepta.
Renobeth, Holston, Coun bus, Pine Mountain, Flint River, Mallary.
Summer Hill, Bethel, Bowen, Friendship, Tucker, Western, Mercer.
Mell, Lit River, N. Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Mt. Vernon, Daniel, Middle Hepzibah.
Consolation, Piedmont, Miller, Homerville, Smyrna, N. Spicers, Baptist Union.

SEC.

TNS:	JAN'Y.	FEB'Y.	M'CH.	AP'L.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
A.	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn
B.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.
C.	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.
D.	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. F.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn
E.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn
F.	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn
G.	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn
H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.
I.	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn
J.	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn	Mssn
K.	Mssn	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.
L.	Mssn	M. U.	Mssn	Mssn	I. M.	Mssn	Mssn	O. H.	Mssn	Mssn	M. E.	Mssn

EXPLANATION:

ABBREVIATIONS—M. U. (Mercer University); Mssn. (Missions); M. E. (Ministerial Education); I. M. (Indigent Minister-); O. H. (Orphans Home)

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. OFFICE.
Antioch	Clay	J W Martin....	W F Cross ..	Morris
Arlington ...	Calhoun ..	W L Culbertson	L L Lyon ..	Arlington
Bluffton	Clay	B W Davis	F P Mansfield..	Bluffton ..
Bethel	Clay	J A Rooks	J C Camp	Vomack
Bethany	Baker	W O Crumbley ..	W A White	Anna
Beulah	Early	R C Pool	W W Jernigan..	Cedar Springs
Blakely	Early	B W Davis	A M Irwin	Blakely
Coleman	Randolph..	W W Arnold....	R G Hamack...	Coleman
Colomokee ...	Early	J G Corley	J C Balcom ...	Blakely
Cuthbert	Randolph..	I A White	T F Moody	Cuthbert....
Damascus	Early	J I D Miller	J N Evans	Blakely
Damascus	Randolph..	Jno W Martin ..	J T Peak	Cuthbert
Dover	Terrell	W W Mabry....	J L Hendry	Dawson
Edison	Calhoun	B W Davis	H E Hammack ..	Edison
Elim	Calhoun	W L Culbertson	G R Collins	Morgan
Enon	Quitman	W H Simmons ..	H S Roberts....	Hatcher
Enterprise	Clay	J E Dykes	R G Smith	Bluffton
Fort Gaines ..	Clay	F J Brock	L M Killing-w'h	Ft Gaines...
Friendship ..	Randolph..	J G Corley	W A Poin-tex't'r	Shellman....
Georgetown ..	Quitman	W W Mabry	E Kaigler	Georgetown
Herod	Terrell	M B L Binion ..	W L Matthews ..	Dawson
Hillside	Early	W O Crumbley ..	Sam Taylor....	Arlington
Hilton	Early	J A Rooks	G E Tison	Hilton
Leary	Calhoun	W L Culbertson	B J Keel	Leary
Lebanon	Terrell	A B Hawkes ..	R J Grier	Sasser
Midway	Clay	W S Keese	M A Lokov	Ft Gaines...
Milford	Baker	J P Sauls	J W Johnston ..	Milford
Morgan	Calhoun	W L Culbertson	B Weaver	Morgan
Morris	Quitman	W S Keese	J W Cumbie....	Morris
Mt. Gilead	Clay	J E Dykes	R L Shaw	Ft Gaines
Mt. Hebron	Miller	R C Pool	W B Moody	Eugene
Mt. Hebron	Randolph ..	J G Corley	Nelson Fellows..	Cuthbert
Mt. Vernon	Clay	J E Dykes	J B Wiles	Ft. Gaines
Mt. Zion	Clay	J E Dykes	C A Belisle	Ft Gaines....
New Bethel	Randolph..	A L Culbertson	R Ferguson....	Cuthbert
New Hope	Early	W O Crumbley ..	S L Houston	Colquitt No 1.
Pine View	Early	R C Pool	J Q Scarboro ..	Blakely No. 4.
Providence	Early	R C Pool	W E Hayes	Blakely
Rehebeth	Randolph ..	W H Simmons ..	O H Callaway ..	Shellman
Salem	Calhoun	W L Culbertson	I B Manry	Edison
Shellman	Randolph ..	W L Culbertson	I A Martin	Shellman
Shiloh	Clay	W H Norton	W J Ray	Ft Gaines....
Spring Vale	Randolph..	W H Simmons ..	T M Davis	Spring Vale. .
Vitulah	Randolph ..	J W Martin	B E Joiner	Coleman

TABLE.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Number of Members.	Days of Meeting.
G W Watson and W F Cross.....	5	..	1			1	43	3
L L Lyon, G W Harrison, Horsely, Lamb	3	12	10				92	1-3
J B Parker, W H Harris, Frank Mansfield.	17	6	..	8	1		96	1
A L Horne, J F Robinson.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	27	1
O A Jordan, W A White .....	..	1	..	1	1		68	2
J L Ricks.....	8	5	2				51	2
J B Hobbs, J N Jones, B W Davis.....	4	15	1	16	2	2	135	2-4
W Rish, J Ray D W Hammack, I P Rhodes	5	1	..	2	1	1	90	4
Bush, Kaigler, Brown, Tedder, Balkcom	27	18	1	8	1	1	64	3
White, J and J W Stanford, Duggan, Childs.	1	11	..	17	2	1	204	1-2-3-4
R C Pool, George Benson	2	6					50	1
J T Peak, W H Lockett, C A Sanders	3	10	..	12	1	3	15	2
W S Thornton, H A Mc Niel, T J Mabiy. .	..	2	..	3	2		60	2
E L Smith, R L Jenkins.....	..	12	..	2			40	3
Johnson, McDaniel Beard, Stewart, Hawk	3	4	2	6	1	2	100	3
J W Lanier, W B Hart.....	..	..	..	4		1	8	1
R G Smith, L I Meadows, P F Amos.	1	3	..	..	1		70	1
J E Paullin.....	6	9	..	17		3	150	1-2-3-4
Manry, Bynum, Faircloth, Ferguson.....	6	6	1	2	4		88	2
W B Tve, A B Cross, A T Belcher....	..	5	..	2		1	70	4
H P Hass, G W Chambless, H F Melton....	1	7	..	11		1	60	4
W L Tomlinson, Fred Steadham....	3	6	..	..			19	1
J M Pate, O E Hall .....	..	..	..	4	2	1	20	2
S L Dismuke, C B George.....	..	5	..	..			25	1-3M
J F Brimm, R E Anthony....	3	3	1	7			50	1
E J Hobbs	1	3	..	3		3	38	2
Frank Griffin, Charley Hart.....	3	10	..	..	2		47	2
C H Gee, G M Cole, J Newton, C Clower	5	2	1	9			128	4
Not represented....	6	3	..	3	1		41	4
R L Shaw, Linton Peterson.....	..	..	..	..			33	4
J A Rooks, Henry Batts .....	..	..	..	7	1		37	3
J W Martin, E Bass, N Fellows, G Dawson	7	5	1	..		5	131	1
A C Sutton, John Cox.....	2	2	2	2	1	1	52	2
J R Askew, R B Gentry.....	2	1	..	..			47	3
Martin, Taylor, Stewart, Cheshire, Manry..	25	3	..	11		1	154	3
W O Crumbley, W K George, S A Lindsay..	7	14	1	1			169	4
A S Money, J Q Scarbrough, J B Turner ..	..	5	1	11		1	44	1
J T Bruner, John Craft, Ben Jernigan ..	6	4	..	3			47	4
J F Henier, G F Schramm, H J Edwards	8	..	1	4	1		168	3
Manry, Turner, Tanner, Shepherd, Joiner	40	9	1	7	1		222	4
Culbertson, Curry, Martin, George, Payne	8	10	1	9	1	1	98	2-4
W J Ray .....	..	1	..	8		1	63	3
W R Ledden, J N Massee .....	..	..	..	2			28	3
Coram, Bell, J Dawson, I Ragan, R Brown	11	4	..	14	3	2	145	3

FINANCIAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	Minutes and Clerk.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Indigent Ministers.	Ministerial Education	Monr e College.
Arlington ...	Calhoun ...	\$ 1 50	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$...	\$...	\$...
Antioch ...	Clay ...	1 25	2 28	4 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel ...	Clay ...	50	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Bethany ...	Baker ...	50	2 00	.....	50	2 40	50	.....	.....
Benlah ...	Early ...	60	2 50	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blakel ...	Early.....	2 50	15 00	6 25	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bluffton ...	Clay ...	1 70	32 76	.....	.....	14 11	.....	.....	.....
Coleman ...	Randolph.	2 00	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 76
Colomokre ...	Early ...	2 00	26 0	26 00	26 00	26 00	.....	.....	.....
Cuthbert ...	Randolph...	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Damascus ...	Randolph...	2 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 50	1 00	.....	.....
Damascus ...	Early.....	1 65	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Dover ...	Terrell ...	2 00	10 60	4 00	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Edison ...	Calhoun ...	2 00	11 87	10 00	16 10	5 00	5 00	.....	.....
Elim ...	Calhoun ...	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enon ...	Quitman ...	1 75	11 00	5 00	4 25	11 00	.....	.....	.....
Enterprise ...	Clay ...	1 00	.....	.....	8 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Gaines ...	Clay ...	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friendship ...	Randolph ...	1 50	15 70	15 70	15 70	15 75	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown ...	Quitman...	1 00	.....	6 75	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Herod ...	Terrell.....	1 50	7 87	7 87	7 87	7 89	.....	.....	.....
Hillside ...	Early.....	50	1 50	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Hilton ...	Early.....	1 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	1 00	.....	.....
Leary ...	Calhoun ...	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon...	Terrell ...	1 75	15 00	15 00	20 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Midway ...	Clay ...	1 00	15 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milford ...	Baker.....	1 25	.....	.....	4 50	1 00	.....	1 00	.....
Morgan...	Calhoun ...	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morris...	Quitman ...	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead.	Clay ...	1 00	.....	.....	6 15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Hebron	Randolph ...	2 00	10 00	10 00	10 50	11 81	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Hebron..	Miller....	50	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon..	Clay ...	1 00	.....	.....	13 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion ...	Clay ...	1 50	.....	8 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Bethel..	Randolph...	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope...	Early.....	1 50	3 25	.....	3 25	10 26	.....	.....	.....
Pine View...	Early.....	1 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	6 10	.....	.....	.....
Providence..	Early.....	1 00	15 00	5 00	5 14	3 97	.....	.....	.....
Rehobeth....	Randolph ...	2 00	.....	5 92	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem ...	Calhoun ...	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelman ...	Randolph.	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh ...	Clay ...	1 50	5 00	5 00	4 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Vale..	Randolph...	75	4 00	2 00	4 00	2 80	.....	.....	.....
Vilulah	Randolph...	2 00	10 00	14 00	12 00	12 00	2 10	.....	.....
		66 45	244 23	179 94	207 07	159 89	9 60	1 00	22 76

TABLE.

Mercer University	Pastors' Salaries.	Building and Repairing.	Visiting Ministers.	Poor	Sunday School Expenses	Value of Church Property	Incidentals.	Previously Sent Up	Total.
.....	275 00	189 65	\$65 00	....	\$20 00	1000 00	\$15 49	\$ 103 08	669 72
.....	84 00	.....	.....	.....	4 40	500 00	.....	2 00	98 03
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 95
2 50	75 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	91 60
.....	500 00	75 00	.....	.....	30 00	9000 00	48 00	14 19	697 19
.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	32 10	1000 00	.....	66 80	197 47
.....	228 00	30 00	.....	.....	36 00	1500 00	462 00	195 61	255 37
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106 00
.....	950 00	39 91	.....	.....	78 36	2000 00	221 35	817 87	2 110 49
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 30	30 95
.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	600 00	.....	49 20	198 20
.....	137 75	90 00	.....	7 50	15 00	1000 00	.....	5 00	305 25
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 40	18 40
.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1500 00	.....	3 5	161 54
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 60
.....	800 00	.....	142 00	10 00	75 00	6000 00	125 00	401 15	555 15
.....	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	254 35
.....	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000 00	.....	40 00	204 25
.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000 00	.....	12 50	245 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	25 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 55	147 30
.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	700 00	.....	21 1	162 35
.....	50 00	90 13	.....	.....	.....	250 00	.....	.....	147 88
.....	250 00	.....	.....	.....	14 75	1200 00	25 00	87 0	378 25
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 40	52 65
.....	100 0	158 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	215 30
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 0	57 31
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 20
.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110 10
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	164 5	167 05
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 26
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 60
.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	800 00	2 00	4 8	136 19
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 92
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 00	163 00
.....	400 00	.....	95 50	.....	.....	2250 00	.....	274 79	771 79
.....	100 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 45	201 72
.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....	.....	113 55
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 10	112 20
2 50	5 124 75	101784	352 50	17 50	311 61	41600 00	798 84	2 732 65	

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Corley, J. G., Blakely, Ga.
Crumbley, W. O., Damascus, Ga.
Culbertson, W. L., Shellman, Ga.
Davis, B. W., Blakely, Ga.
Dykes, J. E., Fitzhugh, Ga.
Hammack, W. D., Coleman, Ga.
King, J. J., Blakely, Ga.
Martin, John, Bethel, Ga.
Martin, J. W., Cuthbert, Ga.
Miller, J. I. D., Arlington, Ga.
Nichols, J. W., Coleman, Ga.
Pate, J. L., Bluffton, Ga.,
Pool, R. C., Damascus, Ga.
Rooks, J. A., Colquitt, Ga.
Sullivan, S. F., Cuthbert, Ga.
Sauls, J. W., Lodrick, Ga.
Sauls, J. P., Lodrick, Ga.
White, I. A., Cuthbert, Ga.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt Order of Business for the Present Session.
4. Hear Applications for Membership.
5. Fix the Hours for Meeting and Adjourning.
6. Appoint Committees to Report at the Present Session viz:
(1) On Preaching, (2) on Finance, (3) on Auditing, (4)
on Digest of Letters from Churches and State of Churches,
(5) on Nominations, (to preach Introductory and Mission
sermons at Next Session, Delegates to the State Con-
vention, Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention, Board of
Trustees Bethel Male College, and Executive Committee)
7. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational En-
terprises, and Visitors.
8. Hear the Report of the Treasurer.
9. Hear Report of the Executive Committee.
10. Hear Report of Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
11. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) Missions, (2) Sunday
Schools, (3) Temperance, (4) Education, (5) Obituaries, (6)
Digest of Letters, State of Churches, (7) Nominations, (8)
Finance, (9) Auditing, (10) Orphans Home, (11) Denomina-
tional Literature.
12. Elect Treasurer.
13. Appoint Correspondents.
14. Fix the Time and Place for Holding Next Session.
15. Appoint Committees to Report Next Session: (1) Missions,
(2) Temperance, (3) Sunday Schools, (4) Education, (5) Obit-
uaries, (6) Orphans Home, (7) Denominational Literature.
16. Call for Applications for Dismission.
17. Arrange for Printing the Minutes, and for the Clerk's Fee.
18. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Seventy-Third Annnal Session

—OF THE—

Bethel Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH THE—

**Colomokee Baptist Church, Early County, Georgia,
October 24, 25 and 26, 1905.**



OFFICERS:

MODERATOR—BRO. L. A. DUGGAN, - - Cuthbert, Ga
CLERK—BRO. J. N. STANFORD, - - Cuthbert, Ga
TREASURER—BRO. E. W. CHILDS, - - Cuthbert, Ga



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

BRO. J. W. STANFORD, BRO. J. E. PAULLIN,
BRO. W. R. CURRY.



**Next Session Meets With New Hope Church, Early Coun-
ty, Ga., on Tuesday after the Fourth Sunday in
October, 1906.**

MINUTES.

COLOMOKEE, GA , October 24th, 1905

The Seventy-Third Annual Session of BETHEL ASSOCIATION convened with Colomokee Baptist church, Early county, Ga., on above date. Preliminary services conducted by Bro. S. J. Railey, after which the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. John W. Martin, of Cuthbert. His illustrations were taken from personal experience, and was well received by the audience.

After preaching and announcements, body adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock the Association re-assembled, and after singing, the roll of messengers was called and perfected as far as possible, and the body was organized by re-electing Bro. L. A. Duggan Moderator and J. N. Stanford Clerk.

The Order of Business, as printed in minutes of last Session, was adopted, and the hours of meeting and adjourning, fixed as follows: Meet at 9 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at 10:45 a. m. and at will in the afternoon.

On Application—The newly constituted church at Carrieville was admitted to membership and her messengers specially welcomed by the Moderator.

The following correspondents and representatives of denominational enterprises were welcomed:

Correspondents—Rev. W. H. Norton Rehobeth ; Revs. A. B. Hawkes and H. L. Crumbley Summer Hill ; Revs. A. C. Wellons, J. A. Ivey and Bro. Geo. Chambers, Friendship.

Representatives of Denominational Enterprises—Rev. B. J. W. Graham, Christian Index and State Board of Missions.

Report of Treasurer was read and referred to committee on Auditing.

Report of Trustees of Bethel College was read and adopted as follows :

The college buildings are in a good state of repair. The tin roof on the college building was recently painted, and some other necessary repairs was done on the dormitory.

The formal transfer of the property to Mercer University and the Educational Commission has not been made by your committee appointed for that purpose, because of the long continued illness and final death of Dr. Pollock, president of Mercer, and

the Educational Commission The papers are all on file with Prof. Kilpatrick, vice president of Mercer and secretary of the Commission. He expects the matter to have proper attention as soon as the new president of Mercer is inaugurated and gets things well in hand

We have a flourishing public school of about 200 pupils and five teachers. Respectfully,

J. W. STANFORD, Pres.

B. W. ELLIS, Sec'y.

On motion the report on Missions was made the special order for 10 a. m. tomorrow, and the report on Sunday Schools was made the special order for 9:30 a. m.

The report on Temperance was read, and after many good speeches by the brethren, it was adopted as follows :

God's word teaches that we shall be temperate in all things: but as the words Temperance and Intemperance are generally used to designate the non-use or use of intoxicating drinks, we purpose using them in that light.

We believe that intemperance is the greatest evil that humanity has to contend with. While we believe the cause of Temperance has gained some ground, it has not made such progress as its importance and this age of progress and enlightenment demands. We hold that the only sure way to be temperate is to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks entirely as a beverage.

We also believe the influence of moderate drinkers or the man that casts his vote for the sale of strong drink is worse on mankind in general and the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ in particular, than the drunkard. Respectfully submitted,

S. W. MANRY, Chairman.

The Moderator announced the following committees to report at present session :

On Preaching—Rev. J. G. Corley and the messengers from Colomokee church.

On Finance—G. A. Cole, E. W. Childs, J. W. Swann.

On Auditing—C. B. McKinnon.

On Digest of Letters and State of the Churches—I. L. Balkcom, J. E. Mansfield and J. T. Peak.

On Nominations—J. N. Masee, S. W. Manry and B. J. Renew.

The Preaching Committee announced that Rev. H. L. Crumbley would preach in this house this evening at 7 o'clock, and Rev. A. B. Hawkes in Bluffton at same hour, after which the body adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 o'clock, and after song and prayer service the report on Education was read, and after several good speeches by different brethren, further discussion was deferred to take up the special order for 9:30 a. m.

The report on Sunday Schools was then read, but pending discussion, the hour for hearing the report on Missions arrived and final action on same was deferred.

The report on Missions was read, and after the same was thoroughly discussed, it was adopted as follows :

Your committee beg leave to report as follows : We think the cause of Missions is in a very prosperous condition. The success of Missions is all that could be reasonably expected. Our people have learned to give liberally. Perhaps there never was a time when they gave more freely. Our Boards and Secretaries are men of unquestioned honesty, and we can rely on every dollar sent being put into its proper place. The field is large and there is much land yet to be possessed. All things considered, we may feel ourselves commanded to go forward and lend a hand in this great work until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MARTIN, Ch'm'n.

The report on Education was adopted as follows :

The fundamentals of a complete education are literature, science, art, history, and religion, or Christianity. The most fundamental element is the religious, which alone has to do with the heart, out of which are the issues of life. State colleges and universities, where the Jew and Gentile, Romanist and Protestant, Infidel and Christian, have equal legal rights, cannot utilize the religious field, or teach the essentials of Christianity. Hence too often has State education been one-sided, the prolific mother of easy-going worldliness or scholarly atheism.

Out of the necessity for heart training have come the denominational, or Christian schools. Mercer, Monroe, Shorter and other colleges under Baptist control, stand for complete education, with emphasis on the Christian element. They stand for the progress and perpetuity of Baptist principles, for enlightenment, for character, for missions. Our denominational well-being and our duty to society demand that we give them our undivided support. The rapid growth of the South along industrial and other lines has brought new problems in the educational world. To meet these new conditions there is urgent and constant necessity for enlargement in our colleges. They must either go forward or retrograde. Let, then, no loyal Baptist turn a deaf ear to their plea for a larger usefulness.

While Baptists have an almost unlimited field in secondary and higher education, the State must of necessity assume control of elementary education. Since the public schools are practically the only hope for the education of the masses, we believe it the duty of every Christian citizen to labor to increase their efficiency, and keep them under Christian influences.

E. W. CHILDS, Ch'm'n.

The report on Sunday Schools was adopted as follows :

Your committee cannot say that the Sabbath School work has advanced any in the Southern part of the Association, but we

hope interest has not diminished. We think the Sunday Schools need more encouragement from our pastors. We believe that many christians have not learned that this is a great opportunity to do good and be a greater blessing to the world. It is great, because it is an opportunity to teach children the fear of the Lord. It is great, because it prepares both teacher and pupils how to enjoy God's blessings. Great, because we honor God and condemn sin. Great, because it is an opportunity to turn children from the path of error and prevent them from falling into vice that would degrade their lives. It is great, because it is God's work. Greater, because the Author is great, and everything pertaining to His work is great.

R. C. POOLE, Ch'm'n.

Bro. D. W. Hammack, former Treasurer, being absent, Bro. E. W. Childs was elected Treasurer.

Bro. T. F. Moody was excused from further attendance.

The Preaching Committee announced that owing to the the immense crowd, there would also be preaching at the school house at 11 o'clock, by Rev. N. W. Hurst. The Association then adjourned to hear a fine sermon on Missions, by Rev. J. E. Dykes, of Fort. Gaines. At the close a public collection was taken, amounting to \$20 70.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 1:30 o'clock, and after a song and prayer service, the Moderator announced the house in order for business.

On motion the following brethren were excused from further attendance: J. H. Jenkins, E. D. Bass, E. L. Smith, J. H. Turner, Wm. Ford, J. N. Massee, J. H. Ragan, J. A. Harris and Virgil Ragan.

On motion any member visiting a sister Association was authorized to act as Correspondent from this body.

On Time and Place of Next Meeting, New Hope, Morgan and Blakely churches were put in nomination, and New Hope was selected—the time of meeting—Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1906

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees to report at next session:

On Missions—B. W. Davis, B. F. Grimsley, Wm. Ford.

On Sunday Schools—T. F. Moody, J. N. Massee, I. P. Rhodes.

On Temperance—J. T. Stewart, J. W. Fellows, W. M. Faircloth

On Education—E. L. Smith, I. L. Balkcom, J. F. Brim.

On Obituaries—W. O. Crumbley, B. J. Renew, W. A. Poindexter.

On Orphans Home—O. H. Jordan, R. H. Wilson, H. F. Melton

On Denominational Literature—N. W. Hurst, Frank Mansfield, G. F. Schram.

On motion brethren J. Q. Scarborough, B. F. Grimsley, H. F. Melton, J. L. Ricks, E. T. Pearce, J. T. Finley, Maurice Gordon and L. L. Lyon were excused from further attendance after today.

The report on Orphans Home was read, and after touching remarks and appeals from many of the brethren, the nice sum of \$91 00 in cash was contributed, after which the report was adopted as follows :

The Orphans Home is an institution born of love—is christian life in activity—is an aim at the fulfillment of the command that is like unto the first, to wit: "And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The sentiments exercised in its founding come from God. It is God's institution, and is therefore the institution of God's people. As citizens of the civil government we owe it to our neighbor to make him the best citizen 't is possible to make of him, and the duty is much more imperative upon the children of God, because we are standing in better view of the great duty—a glorious privilege. We stand in the glorious light of Jesus, who came to save that which was lost, to raise the fallen and to help the helpless. We, (if we are children of God,) owe something to the support of the institution, as justly as we do when we give our promissory note to our neighbor. We ought, therefore, to give as surely and as systematically to the Orphans' Home as we pay our other debts.

Respectfully submitted

L. L. LYON, Ch'm'n.

The report on Obituaries was read and the same was adopted by a rising vote as follows, the body afterwards being led in prayer by Rev. B. W. Davis :

Your committee on Obituaries, beg to report that so far as they can learn, there has been no death in the ranks of our ministers during the present year. Blessed be His name.

Your committee recommend that this body bow in prayer and return thanks to God for this expression of His goodness.

B. W. DAVIS, Ch'm'n.

The report on Nominations was read and the same was adopted as follows :

W. L. Culbertson to preach the Introductory Sermon ; R. C. Poole alternate. N. W. Hurst to preach the Missionary Sermon ; J. G. Corley alternate.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—B. W. Davis and D. W. Hammack.

Messengers to State Convention—T. Moody, I. A. White, J. W. Stanford, L. A. Duggan, W. L. Culbertson, J. G. Corley, B. W. Davis, J. A. Rooks, J. T. Stewart, J. E. Paullin, J. W. Sauls, J. M. Taylor, S. W. Manry, J. E. Dykes, W. O. Crumbley, W. D. and D. W. Hammack, W. R. Curry.

Board of Trustees Bethel College—J. W. Stanford, W. T. Jay, J. E. Mansfield, J. W. Martin, W. W. Binion, E. W. Childs, J. E.

Paullin, B. W. Ellis, T. F. Moody, L. A. Duggan, J. H. Manry, D. R. Stewart, J. G. Corley.

Executive Committee—J. W. Stanford, J. E. Paullin, W. R. Curry. Respectfully submitted. J. N. MASSEE, Chm'n.

The Preaching Committee announced that Rev. N. W. Hurst would preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock, after which the body adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 o'clock, and after a song and prayer service, the body proceeded to business.

The committee on Denominational Literature being absent, Rev. B. J. W. Graham, of the Christian Index, was invited to address the body on this subject, which he did, to the benefit and edification of all present.

On motion the body returned to the regular Order of Business.

The Auditing Committee reported, and in connection with the Treasurer's report, was adopted:

D. W. HAMMACK—Treasurer.

In Account with the Bethel Baptist Association,

DR.

Oct. 27th, 1904. To Amount received from Finance Committee.... \$901 35

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Oct. 29th, 1904. By Amount to J. N. Stanford, Clerk ... \$ 66.45

Oct. 31st, 1904. By Amount to S. Y. Jameson..... 834 90

\$901.35

Your committee has examined report of Treasurer, and find it correct and neatly presented. C. B. MCKINNON, Auditor.

The Finance Committee's report was adopted as follows:

For Minutes.....	\$ 34 05
For Clerk.....	31 30
For State Missions.....	242 29
For Home Missions.....	167 70
For Foreign Missions.....	248 60
For Orphan's Home.....	125 89
For Ministerial Relief.....	24 65
For Ministerial Education.....	1 00
For Monroe College.....	1 00
For Mercer University.....	1 00
Special Collection, undirected	20 70
Special Collection for Orphan's Home.....	91 00
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	\$ 989 18
Previously Sent Up.....	3 386.01

Grand Total, .. \$4 375 19

No Letters from Coleman and Leary. G. A. COLE, Chm'n.

On motion the Mission collection yesterday, \$20 70, was directed to State Missions.

On motion the funds sent for Minutes and Association- al Purposes were turned over to the Clerk, with the request that Minutes be printed and distributed within 30 days.

On motion a table of statistics on Sunday Schools was

ordered printed in the Minutes.

On motion the proceedings of the Woman's Mission Union were ordered printed in the Minutes.

Excused Bro. J. T. Stewart on account of wife's illness.

The report on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches was read and adopted as follows:

After carefully examining the letters from the different churches, we feel justified in reporting the spiritual condition of our churches in a better condition than usual. There has been added to the cause of Christ by baptism, 214, and a decrease in various ways of 62, leaving a net gain of 152. Very few have died since our last Association, and very few have been excluded.

We regret to say that almost one half of the churches report no Sunday Schools. The contributions of the churches have been fairly liberal, between \$700 and \$800 more have been sent up this year than last, which surpassed previous records.

Respectfully submitted, I. L. BALKCOM, Chm'n.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, the following committee was appointed to arrange for holding the next General Meeting, as well as program, and report at once: Rev. W. L. Culbertson, R. G. Smith and S. W. Manry. The committee not being ready to report, permission was granted for a report after adjournment, which was to be included in the minutes. The report is as follows:

The next General Meeting will meet at Salem church, Calhoun county, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in December, being December 29th. Program will be printed in Christian Index.

Respectfully submitted, W. L. CULBERTSON, Chm'n.

A vote of thanks was tendered the good people of Colomokee and surrounding community, for the royal manner in which they entertained the Association.

On motion the body adjourned, to meet with New Hope church, Early county, Ga., on Tuesday after the 4th Lord's Day in October, 1906. L. A. DUGGAN, Moderator.

J. N. STANFORD, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot or otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall have no voice in determining questions except in case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association, through her Executive Committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of three members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

ART. 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one,

whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through faith in the Son of God.

ART. 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the Gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

ART. 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART. 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints;" that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons.

ART. 10. We believe that christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

ART. 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

ART. 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.



WOMAN'S MISSION UNION.

The Woman's Mission Union, Auxiliary to Bethe Association, met at Colomokee church, Thursday, October 26th, 1905, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

On account of the absence of the President, Mrs. R. L. Farnum, of Cuthbert, by request Mrs. L. P. Taylor conducted the meeting. Scripture reading, Phil., 1:2, 6, and 4:3, 6, and prayer by Mrs. L. P. Taylor.

The reports from the societies were then read, and the following delegates enrolled:

Colomokee—Miss Leonora Collins.

Bluffton—Mesdames Mansfield and Saunders.

Cuthbert—Mrs. L. P. Taylor.

Shellman—Mrs. W. L. Culbertson.

Arlington—Miss W. D. Cowdry.

Blakely—Mesdames L. D. Gay, N. W. Hurst, G. A. Cole,
Elected officers for the ensuing year:

Mrs. L. P. Taylor, President—Cuthbert, Box 123, Ch. St.

Mrs. L. D. Gay, Vice President—Blakely.

Miss Mary Cowdry, Secretary—Arlington.

Mrs. W. L. Culbertson, Treasurer—Shellman.

Rev. I. A. White gave us a very interesting and forceful talk on the great importance of having the Home Department plan for every church in connection with the Sabbath school work, and how best to operate it, referring us to Bro. Geo. W. Andrews, Atlanta, our Sunday School Evangelist.

We endeavored to show our women some of Woman's religious privileges in Christ Jesus, by working through human instrumentalities.

Mr. N. W. Hurst read letter from Mrs D. B. Fitzgerald, Superintendent 5th District, Omaha. Following is extract:

Georgia now has 15 Missionaries who represent us on foreign fields, under direction of our Board. Our Home Board has enlarged its operations. Cuba's gates are now open, and Providence invites us to thrust in the sickle and reap precious sheaves for the Master. Commends the "Margaret Home," Greenville, S. C., for Missionaries' children and sisters.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Inasmuch as the good people of Colomokee have thrown wide open their hearts and homes to us and given us a most gracious, christian welcome, we hereby extend to them the heartfelt thanks of this body, assuring them of a lasting and loving place in our hearts and memories.

2. We thank most cordially Rev. I. A. White for his earnest and helpful talk to the body.

Minutes were read and adopted.

After adjournment the session closed with song, prayer and dismissal by Mrs. L. D. Gay.

MRS. L. P. TAYLOR, Pres.

N. W. GAY, Sec'y.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WORK DONE BY LADIES MIS. SOCIETIES. CUTHBERT.

Foreign Missions 18, Home 31, State 32....	\$81.00
Theological Seminary 10, Christmas Offering 25.....	35.00
Margaret Home 2. Ministerial Education 4. Frontier Missions 12 50	18.50
General Missions 31.13, Home Department 2.60	33 73

Total.

\$168 22

MRS. LOUIS E. GAY, Sec'y.

MRS. L. A. DUGGAN, Pres.

ARLINGTON.

Clothing Orphans Hapeville.....	\$50.00
Have a Charge—Clothes 34, Money 6.40 ..	40.40
To Bro. Adams, Missionary, 3 Association 5.....	8.00
Our Charge, Jessie Watkins.....	41 60
Total,	<u>\$140.00</u>

BLAKELY.

Our Society is composed of 28 consecrated, working sisters, who we trust are doing some good in the Master's cause. We have raised for	
Missions	\$ 76.50
Orphan's Home.....	10 00
Clothing Child at Home	36.85
Helping Poor of Our Town.....	11.00
Total,.....	<u>\$134.35</u>

MRS. ED. CHANEY, Cor. Sec'y.

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE
Antioch .	Clay	J E White	W F Cross	Morris
Arlington	Calhoun	W L Culbertson . .	L L Lyon	Arlington
Bluffton	Clay	J W Martin	Fr'nk Mansfield . .	Bluffton
Bethel	Clay	J A Rooks	J C Camp	Blakely
Bethany	Baker	W O Crumbley . . .	W A White	Millford, No 1 . .
Beulah	Early	R C Poole	J L Ricks	Cedar Springs . .
Blakely	Early	N W Hurst	A M Irwin	Blakely
Carnegie	Randolph	J G Corley	Nelson Fellows . . .	Carnegie
Coleman	Randolph	B W Davis	R G Hammack . . .	Coleman
Colomokee	Early	J G Corley	J C Balkcom	Blakely
Cuthbert	Randolph	I A White	T F Moody	Cuthbert
Damascus	Early	B W Davis	P N J Dozier	Kestler
Damascus	Randolph	W L Culbertson . .	J T Peak	Cuthbert, R 4 . .
Dover	Terrell	J W Martin	W J Cannon	Dawson RFD . . .
Edison	Calhoun	B W Davis	H E Hammack . . .	Edison
Elim	Calhoun	W D Hammack . . .	J T Sauls	Shellman, R 1 . .
Elson	Quitman	W H Simmons . . .	J F Castellow . . .	Georgetown . . .
Enterprise	Clay	J A Rooks	R G Smith	Bluffton
Ft Gaines	Clay	Albert G Hash . . .	LM Killigsw'rt . . .	Ft Gaines
Friendship	Randolph	J G Corley	WA Poindexter . . .	Shellman
Georgetown	Quitman . . . . .	. . . . .	W B Tye	Georgetown . . .
Herod	Terrell	B W Ivey	H F Melton	Herod
Hilton	Early	J A Rooks	G A Tison	Hilton
Leary	Calhoun . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Lebanon	Terrell	A B Hawkes	R J Grier	Sasser
Midway	Clay	W S Keese	M A Lokey	Hatchers
Millford	Baker	J P Sauls	J W Johnson	Millford
Morgan	Calhoun	W L Culbertson . .	CB Weaver	Morgan
Morris	Quitman	A C Wellons	J W Cumble	Morris
Mt Giliad	Clay	J E White	J M Crozier	Ft Gaines
Mt Hebron	Terrell	W I Moody	W B Moody	Colquitt, R 4 . .
Mt. Hebron	Randolph	J W Martin	J W Fellows	Carnegie
Mt. Vernon	Clay	J E Dykes	C C Pearce	Zeto
Mt. Zion	Clay	J E Dykes	C A Belisle	Ft. Gaines
New Bethel	Randolph	W L Culbertson . .	R Ferguson	Cuthbert, R 3 . .
New Hope	Early	W O Crumbley . . .	S L Houston	Colquitt, R 1 . .
Pine View	Early	J A Rooks	JQ Scarborough . . .	Blakely, R 4 . . .
Providence	Early	R C Poole	W E Hayes	Blakely
Rehobeth	Randolph	M B L Binton	O H Callaway	Shellman
Salem	Calhoun	W L Culbertson . .	S W Manry	Edison
Shellman	Randolph	W L Culbertson . .	I A Martin	Shellman
Shiloh	Clay	W H Norton	W J Ray	Coleman
Spring Vale	Randolph	J E White	T M Davis	Spring Vale . . .
Vilulah	Randolph	J W Martin	B E Joiner	Coleman

TABLE.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

	Baptized,	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded	Dead.	Number of Members	Days of Meeting.
J O Griffith and W S Perkins.....	...	...	1	4	...	...	40	3
G W Harrison, L L Lyon and J M Johnson.	2	15	...	5	...	2	93	3
A D Ingram Wood Davis, Frank Mansfield	...	...	...	9	...	3	75	1
A L Horne and Reese Wolf.....	...	...	...	12	...	1	18	1
W O Crumley.....	4	2	...	3	1	1	68	2
James Martin, W R Hodges and J L Ricks.	2	...	...	3	...	...	54	2
J B Hobbs, G A Cole, L D Gay, N W Hurst.	22	29	1	8	...	2	185	2 4
H S Page and J W Swann.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	1
I P Rhodes and W D Hammack	1	...	...	13	...	1	67	4
J M Balkcom, Collins, Brown, Tripp, Roberts	...	...	...	20	...	4	105	3
I A White, L A Duggan, T F Moody, E W	24	19	...	12	...	1	234	1-2 3 4
R C Poole,, [Childs, J N Stanford	4	6	...	6	...	...	58	1
Wm Ford, J T Peak	14	...	...	13	...	2	151	2
W S Thornton, J T Lee.....	8	2	...	...	...	...	82	2
E L Smith, B W Davis J T Roberts	2	10	...	...	...	1	55	3
W H Johnson, T J Beard, J P Knighton, R	7	...	...	...	...	3	108	3
W B Hart..... [E McDaniel	1	3	1	7	...	1	84	1
S J Railey, R G Smith, C B McKinnon.....	4	5	...	3	...	1	70	1
B F Grimslev, Shaw, Culpepper, Paullin....	6	5	1	8	...	1	153	1-2 3 4
Williams, Poindexter, Melton, Faircloth....	14	5	...	3	...	7	97	2
I L Balkcom, A B Cross .....	...	...	...	5	...	...	61	4
H F Melton .....	...	5	1	8	1	3	77	4
J O Morris S W Sessions	3	...	1	3	...	1	22	2
.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 3 M
J F Brim, R E Anthony.....	...	2	1	4	...	1	48	1
B F Lokey, J A Shaw	1	...	...	3	...	...	36	2
J F Griffin T O Morris	4	...	...	...	...	3	38	2
J M Newton, J H Pace.....	8	2	...	2	...	4	132	4
R H Wilson, Claude Wilson .....	...	3	...	1	...	1	42	4
Linton Peterson .....	...	...	...	2	...	...	35	4
Maurice Gordon	6	4	...	7	1	...	30	3
J W Martin, E B Bass, Z T Nichols J W	5	4	...	34	...	5	95	1
E T Pearce, J T Finley	4	2	...	5	3	1	52	2
W C Belisle, Cecil Cox, [H Jordan	3	...	...	2	...	...	36	3
D R & J T Stewart, J Martin, M Engram, O	14	9	...	18	...	...	160	3
T B Hollis, W R Cheshire, J A George.....	10	8	1	5	4	1	182	4
J W McLendon, E White, J Q Scarborough.	9	7	...	6	...	1	52	1
H J Hayes, D W Harrell, D B Jernigan....	11	4	...	2	...	...	66	4
J E Lanier, M Tison, H J Edwards, G Shram	13	1	...	5	...	...	129	3
T Lawrence, C Joiner J Turner, W Tanner,	7	1	1	7	1	4	219	4
Culbertson, R and I A Martin.. [S W Manry	2	8	1	3	...	1	102	2 4
J A Harris .....	...	...	...	13	...	...	44	2
J N Masee..... [gan, R E Joiner	...	...	...	2	...	1	25	3
J H Jenkins, B J Renew, J H and Virgil Ra-	4	8	...	6	...	2	44	3

FINANCIAL

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	Minutes.	Clerk.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphans' Home.	Pastors' Salaries.
Arlington	Calhoun ..	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Antioch . . .	Clay	35	40	2 15	..	1 00	.....	.....
Bethel	Clay	25	25	1 50	..	..	2 00	.....
Bethany	Baker ..	40	35	1 00	....	2 00	1 00	.....
Beulah	Early	50	50	5 00	....	2 50	2 65	.....
Blakely	Early	2 00	1 00	15 00	....	....	....	.....
Bluffton	Clay	1 00	1 00	5 00	8 72	....	....	.....
Carnegie	Randolph.	1 00	1 00	10 00	7 00	7 69	....	.....
Coleman	Randolph...	1 50	1 50	....	....	....	....	.....
Colomokee ..	Early	75	75	8 00	7 00	3 00	....	.....
Cuthbert	Randolph...	2 00	1 00	....	....	....	....	1000 00
Damascus..	Randolph...	1 25	1 25	....	5 00	5 00	1 50	.....
Damascus.	Early.	75	75	35 25	....	....	....	.....
Dover	Terrell.	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	22 75	.....
Edison	Calhoun	1 00	1 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	....	.....
Elim	Calhoun	50	50	5 00	4 00	4 00	1 30	.....
Enon	Quitman	50	50	2 00	....	2 00	5 00	.....
Enterprise ..	Clay	50	50	..	5 75	5 75	....	.....
Ft. Gaines ...	Clay	1 00	1 00	....	....	....	....	.....
Friendship ..	Randolph.	75	75	....	....	....	....	.....
Georgetown..	Quitman. . .	50	50	10 00	3 30	4 00	....	.....
Herod	Terrell. . .	75	75	8 00	8 00	10 50	8 40	....
Hilton	Early	30	30	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	.....
Leary	Calhoun ..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Lebanon	Terrell.	1 00	75	25 33	25 67	75 00	....	.....
Midway	Clay	75	75	....	....	....	....	.....
Millford	Paker	75	75	....	....	4 00	....	.....
Morgan	Calhoun	75	75	13 10	13 10	13 00	....	.....
Morris	Quitman	75	75	12 05	3 00	12 00	10 00	.....
Mt Giliad	Clay	50	50	....	....	4 45	2 75	.....
Mt Hebron..	Randolph...	1 00	1 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	.....
Mt Hebron..	Miller	50	50	....	6 16	6 16	....	.....
Mt. Vernon ..	Clay	50	50	....	....	7 75	....	.....
Mt. Zion	Clay	50	50	....	....	8 00	3 35	.....
New Bethel ..	Randolph...	1 50	1 00	....	....	....	....	.....
New Hope. . .	Early	50	50	....	6 00	6 00	6 16	.....
Pine View	Early	75	75	4 00	4 00	4 00	5 92	.....
Providence ..	Early	50	50	20 00	10 00	5 80	5 00	.....
Rehobeth	Randolph...	1 00	1 00	....	....	....	15 11	.....
Salem	Calhoun ..	1 50	1 50	15 00	15 00	19 50	15 00	.....
Shellman	Randolph...	1 00	1 00	....	....	....	....	.....
Shiloh	Clay	75	75	4 00	2 00	2 00	....	.....
Spring Vale..	Randolph...	50	50	5 00	....	1 50	5 00	.....
Vilulah	Randolph...	1 25	1 25	6 91	5 00	3 00	5 00	100 00
		\$35 55	32 80	242 29	167 70	248 60	125 89	1100 00

Public Collection, State Missions, \$22.16.

TABLE.

Indigent Ministers	Ministerial Education	Monroe F. College.	Mercer University.	Building and Repairs.	Visiting Ministers.	Sunday Schools.	Value of Church Property	Incidentals.	Previously Sent Up	Grand Total.
.....	48 24	49 74
.....	3 90
75	1 80	5 80
.....	5 50
.....	11 15
.....	1017 11	1035 11
.....	37 55	53 27
.....	26 69
1 50	56 06	59 03
.....	104 43	125 00	68 34	.....	209 18	.....	21 00
.....	963 81	2411 26
.....	6 16	20 16
.....	7 80	44 55
.....	5 00	44 75
.....	13 58	57 58
.....	15 30
.....	5 00	15 00
.....	3 50	16 00
.....	506 56	508 56
.....	113 39	114 89
.....	49 60	67 90
1 00	15 15	51 55
6 00	3 30	13 60
.....
.....	69 75	202 75
1 40	26 10	27 60
.....	9 00	15 90
5 00	17 00	57 70
.....	7 58	51 13
5 00	8 20
.....	33 00
.....	13 32
.....	8 75
.....	12 35
1 00	135 00	137 50
.....	20 16
.....	3 25	22 67
.....	41 80
.....	17 00	37 11
.....	100 00	167 50
.....	222 63	224 63
.....	9 50
3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 25	.....	6 00	1000 00	.....	16 50	29 00
.....	12 00	40 41
24 65	1 00	1 00	1 00	229 43	125 00	74 34	1000 00	209 18	.....	.....

Public Collection, Orphanage, \$91 00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT	POST-OFFICE.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Sunday School Expenses	Contributions.	Baptisms.	Literature Used.
Arlington....	G W Harrison..	Arlington	6	60	20 00	....	8	S S B
Antioch....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany.....	O A Jordan.	Milford, R.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benlah.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blakely.....	J L Underwood	Blakely..	11	75	36 97	.....	16	S S B
Bluffton.....	J E Mansfield ..	Bluffton ..	6	60	.....	27 51	.....	.....
Carnegie.....	Wike Ivey.....	Carnegie ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coleman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colomokee ..	RS Roberts.....	Blakely.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cuthbert.....	T F Moody.....	Cuthbert.....	10	1 00	68 34	110 25	19	S S B
Damascus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Damascus.....	B M George.....	Kestler. .	3	30	.....	.....	4	S S R
Dover.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edison.....	H Turner	Edison... ..	5	40	7 92	52 36	2	S S B
Elim.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enterprise ..	S J Raily.....	Bluffton	2	25	.....	.....	4	S S B
Ft. Gaines ..	J E Pallin.....	Ft. Gaines ..	9	1 00	45 00	10 00	5	S S B
Friendship ..	J H Many	Cuthbert, R. .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown..	D M Davidson ..	Georgetown..	3	25	15 00	.....	.....	S S B
Herod.....	J H McLendon..	Dawson.....	4	30	12 00	.....	.....	S S B
Hilton.....	J O Morris.....	Hilton.....	4	25	.....	.....	.....	S S B
Leary.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Midway.....	M A Lokey.....	Hatchers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Milford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morgan.....	J J Beck.....	Morgan.....	4	32	19 20	.....	6	ABPS
Morris.....	W F Cross.....	Morris.....	4	40	.....	.....	.....	S S B
Mt. Giliad ..	J B Goodman ..	Ft. Gaines..	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Hebron..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Hebron..	E T Murphy.....	Kestler.....	7	52	.....	11 50	.....	S S B
Mt. Vernon ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Bethel ..	W W Mills	Cuthbert, R. .	2	20	5 50	30 00	2	S S B
New Hope.....	S A Lindsey	Blakely	6	65	.....	.....	10	.....
Pine View....	I Q Scarboro ..	Blakely, R. .	2	22	.....	.....	4	S S B
Providence..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rehobeth.....	J E Henier.....	Shellman.....	3	30	.....	15 11	.....	S S B
Salem.....	J H Turner	Edison.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelman.....	J B Payne	Shelman.....	7	60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Vale..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vilulah.....	R A Lindsey.....	Coleman.....	3	30	.....	.....	.....	S S B

REGULATION SCHEDULE.

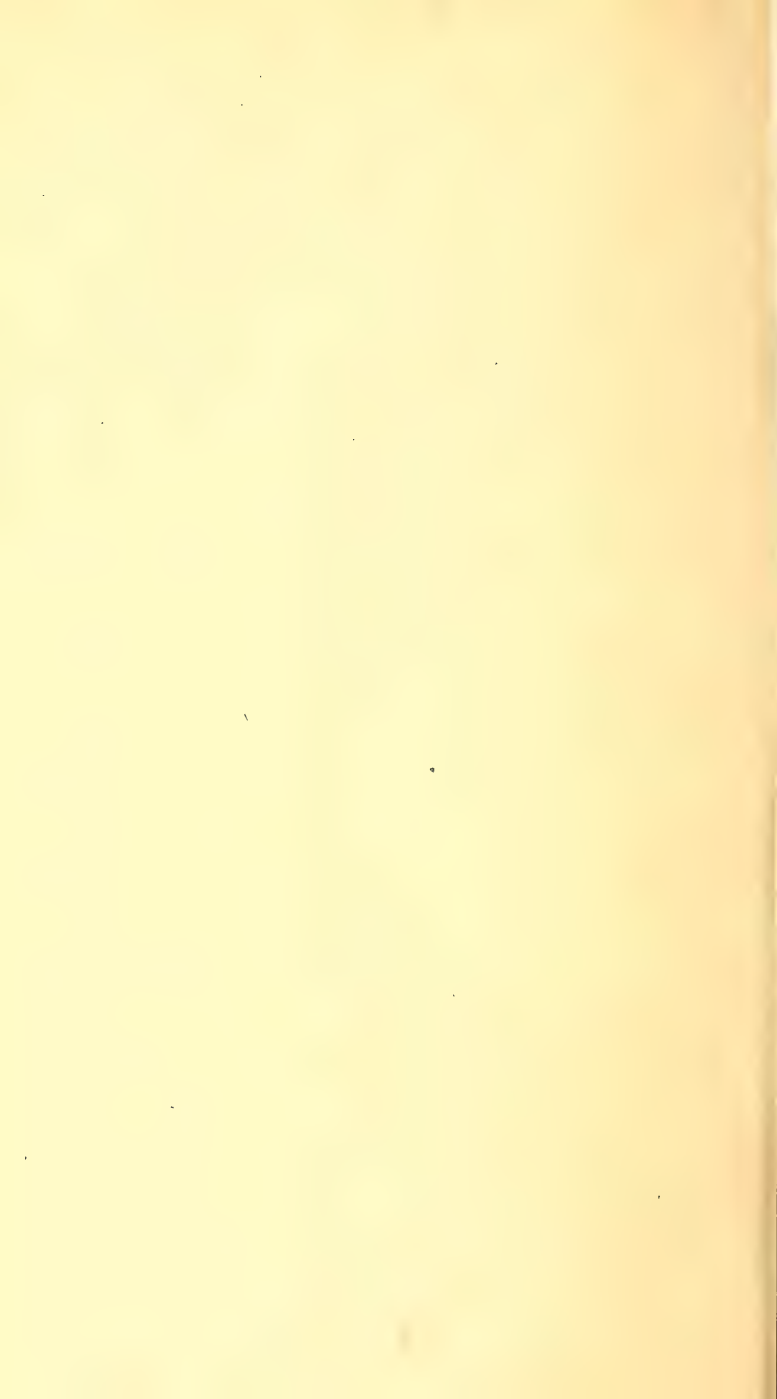
ASSOCIATIONS.

Sec. TNS	JAN'Y	FEB'Y	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Coosa, Chattahoochee, Floyd Co., Gordon Co., North Ga., Salem, Coosawatie.												
Mountain Town, Ellijay, Jasper, North River, Hiwassee, N. Union, Morganton.												
Polk Co., Mid. Cherokee, Noonday, Harmony, Tallapoosa, P. Valley, New Hope.												
Hightower, Chattahoochee, Roswell, Lawrenceville, Clarksville, Chatsatee.												
Mountain United, Tugalo, Hebron, Mulberry, Liberty, Appalachian.												
Carrollton, Concord, Fairburn, Western, Central Western, Bethlehem.												
Stone Mountain, South River, Second Georgia Centennial												
Central Georgia, Washington, Sarcpta												
Rehobeth, Houston, Columbus, Pine Mountain, Flint River, Mallary.												
Summer Hill, Bethel, Bowen, Friendship, Tucker, S. Western, Mercer												
McL, Little River, N. Friendzer, Ebenezer, Mt Vernon, Daniel, Middle Hezibah												
Consolation, Piedmont, Miller, Homerville, Geneva, N. Snodberry, Baptist Union												

A	W U	Msn	Msn	I M	Msn	Msn	O. H.	Msn	M. E.	Msn	Msn	
B	Msn	Msn	I M	Msn	Msn	O H	Msn	Msn	M E	Msn	M U	Msn
C	Msn	I M	Msn	Msn	O H	Msn	Msn	M E	Msn	Msn	M U	Msn
D	I M	Msn	Msn	O H	Msn	Msn	M E	Msn	M U	Msn	Msn	
E	Msn	Msn	O H	Msn	Msn	M E	Msn	M U	Msn	Msn	I M	
F	Msn	O H	Msn	Msn	M E	Msn	M U	Msn	Msn	I M	Msn	
G	O H	Msn	Msn	M E	Msn	M U	Msn	I M	Msn	Msn		
H	Msn	Msn	M E	Msn	M U	Msn	I M	Msn	Msn	O H		
I	Msn	M E	Msn	Msn	M U	Msn	I M	Msn	Msn	O H	Msn	
J	M E	Msn	Msn	M U	Msn	Msn	I M	Msn	Msn	O H	Msn	
K	Msn	Msn	M U	Msn	Msn	I M	Msn	Msn	O H	Msn	M E	
L	Msn	M U	Msn	Msn	I M	Msn	O H	Msn	Msn	M, E	Msn	

EXPLANATION:

ABBREVIATIONS—M U (Mercer U Home); Msn (Msn); M E (Ministerial Education); I. M. (Indigent Ministers); O. H. (Orphans Home).



LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Corley, J. G., Blakely, Ga.
 Crumbley, W. O., Kestler, Ga.
 Culbertson, W. L., Shellman, Ga.
 Davis, B. W., Blakely, Ga.
 Dykes, J. E., Ft. Gaines, Ga.
 Hammack, W. D., Coleman, Ga.
 Hurst, N. W., Blakely, Ga.
 Hash, A. G., Ft. Gaines, Ga.
 Jones, C. E., Damascus, Ga.
 King, J. J., Blakely, Ga.
 Martin, John, Bethel, Ga.
 Martin, J. W., Cuthbert, Ga.
 Miller, J. I. D., Arlington, Ga.
 Poole, R. C., Kestler, Ga.
 Rooks, J. A., Colquitt, Ga.
 Sullivan, S. F., Shellman, Ga.
 Sauls, J. W., Shellman, Ga.
 Sauls, J. P., Shellman, Ga.
 Sauls, S. J., Shellman, Ga.
 White, I. A., Cuthbert, Ga.
 White, J. E., Cuthbert, Ga.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt Order of Business for Present Session.
4. Hear Applications for Membership.
5. Fix the Hours of Meeting and Adjourning.
6. Appoint Committees to Report at Present Session, viz: (1) On Preaching, (2) on Finance, (3) on Auditing, (4) on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches, (5) on Nominations, (to preach Introductory and Vision Sermons at Next Session, Delegates to the State Convention, Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College, and Executive Committee).
7. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational Enterprises, and Visitors.
8. Hear the Report of the Treasurer
9. Hear Report of the Executive Committee.
10. Hear Report of Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
11. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) Missions, (2) Sunday Schools, (3) Temperance, (4) Education, (5) Obituaries, (6) Digest of Letters, State of Churches, (7) Nominations, (8) Finance, (9) Auditing, (10) Orphans Home, (11) Denominational Literature.
12. Elect Treasurer
13. Appoint Correspondents.
14. Fix the Time and Place for Holding Next Session.
15. Appoint Committees to Report Next Session: (1) Missions, (2) Temperance, (3) Sunday Schools, (4) Education (5) Obituaries, (6) Orphan Home, (7) Denominational Literature.
16. Call for Applications for Dismission.
17. Arrange for Printing Minutes and Clerk's Fee.
18. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

NEW HOPE CHURCH, EARLY COUNTY, GEORGIA,
OCTOBER 30, 31, AND NOVEMBER 1, 1906

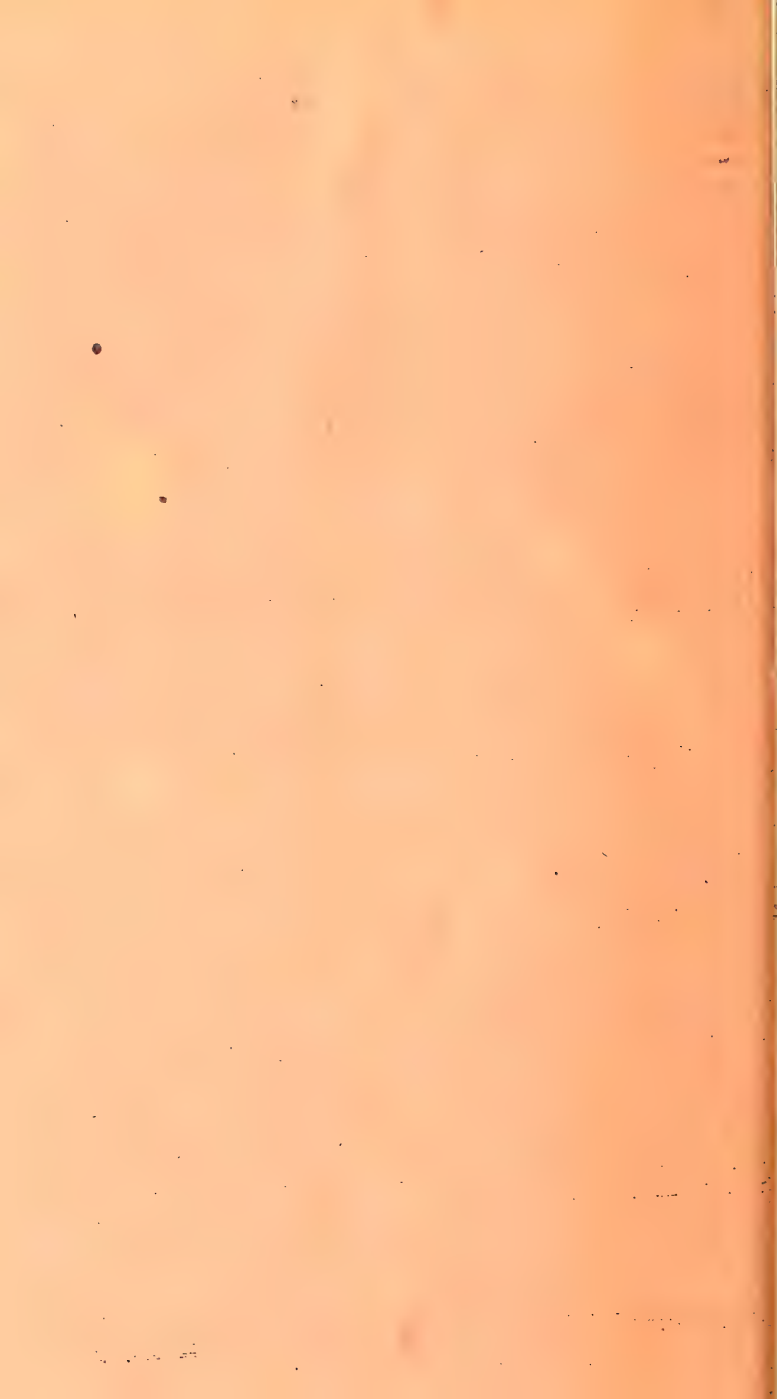
OFFICERS:

L. A. DUGGAN,	MODERATOR,	—	CUTHBERT, GA.
S. R. BLANTON,	CLERK,	—	ARLINGTON, GA.
E. W. CHILDS,	TREASURER.	—	CUTHBERT, GA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

N. W. HURST, J. F. EDEN, W. L. CULBERTSON

Next Session Meets With New Bethel Church, Randolph County, Ga., on Tuesday After the Fourth Sunday in October, 1907



MINUTES.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The 74th Annual Session of Bethel Association met with New Hope church, Early county, Tuesday morning, Oct. 30, 1906.

At the request of the Moderator L. A. Duggan, Rev. J. G. Corley read a scriptural lesson from 116th Psalm.

The hour for preaching having now arrived, Rev. W. L. Culbertson, the appointee, preached the introductory sermon from Exodus 4:2—"What is that in thy Hand." The discourse was very fine, the thought vital and practical.

After the sermon, the Moderator requested S. R. Blanton to act as temporary clerk, Bro. Stanford, the regular clerk, being absent. During the dinner hour a roll containing the names of the messengers was perfected.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Body called to order by the Moderator at 1:30. Rev. H. L. Crumbley read a beautiful lesson from Romans 12 and made an earnest, feeling talk.

At the close of devotional services the roll was called, and the following messengers responded:

Antioch: W. F. Cross.
Arlington: S. R. Blanton, L. L. Lyon.
Bluffton: J. T. Hartley, J. B. Parker.
Bethany: W. O. Crumbley, W. F. Lawrence, W. A. White.
Beulah: W. R. Hodges.
Blakely: N. W. Hurst, L. T. Gay.
Carnegie: J. W. Swan, H. S. Roye.
Coleman: Wesley Rich.
Colomokee: J. G. Corley, W. H. Trip, W. H. Lee, B. B. Tedder, E. S. Collins.
Cuthbert: J. F. Eden, L. A. Duggan, E. W. Childs.
Damacus, Early county: R. C. Pool.
Damascus, Randolph county: William Ford, J. T. Peak.
Dover:
Edison: J. H. Duce.
Elim: W. H. Johnson, T. J. Beard.
Eanon:
Enterprise: R. G. Smith, J. H. McKinnon.
Fort Gaines: B. F. Grimsby, N. H. McLendon.
Friendship: W. H. Manry, W. M. Faircloth, J. H. Manry.
Georgetown:
Herod: I. P. Cocke, J. H. McLendon, H. F. Melton.
Leary:
Lebanon: J. C. Joiner, W. A. Anthony,
Midway: E. J. Hobbs, J. A. Shaw.
Milford: E. A. Ehrhridge.
Morgan: A. J. Jackson, C. T. Stewart, J. A. Harris.

Morris: J. W. Boyett.
 Mt. Gilliad: C. C. Lindsey.
 Mt. Hebron, Miller county: J. A. Rooks.
 Mt. Hebron, Randolph county: J. M. Martin, E. B. Bass, F. A. Fellows.
 Mt. Vernon: B. F. Pierce.
 Mt. Zion: W. C. Blile, A. H. Iand.
 New Bethel: John Martin, D. R. Stewart, O. H. Jordan, J. M. Taylor, Robt. Clay.
 New Hope: J. J. McLendon, E. S. Cheshire, J. L. Middleton, W. O. Crumbley.
 Pine View: J. B. Turner, T. E. Ford, J. W. McLendon.
 Providence: W. J. McKinney.
 Reubeth: G. F. Schramm, H. J. Edwards.
 Salem: G. W. Tanner, T. L. Stallings.
 Shellman: W. L. Culbertson.
 Shiloah:
 Spring Vale: J. N. Massee.
 Vilula: R. A. Lindsay, A. J. Blackburn, R. E. Ragan, I. A. Ragan.

The election of officers was next in order, and Hon. L. A. Duggan was re-elected moderator, and S. R. Bianton was chosen as clerk.

The order of business as printed in the minutes was adopted.

The hours of meeting was fixed at 9:00 a. m. and 1:50 p. m.: the hour of adjourning at 10:45 for preaching, and in the afternoon at the pleasure of the body.

The moderator announced the following committees:

On preaching: W. O. Crambley and messengers from New Hope.

On finance: O. H. Jordan, W. A. Athony, R. G. Smith, J. M. Taylor.

On auditing: J. W. Swan.

On digest of letters from churches: J. A. Rooks, J. A. Shaw, H. J. Edwards.

On nominations: J. T. Peak, A. J. Blackburn, M. F. Cross.

Called for correspondents, and Rev. H. L. Crumbley was welcomed from the Summer Hill Association.

Treasurer E. W. Childs made his annual report, which was adopted. This report, together with other reports, will be found under the title of "Reports of Committees" elsewhere in this minute.

J. F. Eden read report of Executive committee, and with slight amendament, same was adopted.

On motion of N. W. Hurst a committee, was appointed to report on the advisability of organizing a Sunday School Convention within the bounds of the Bethel Association. The moderator appointed the following brethren as that committee: N. W. Hurst, E. W. Childs, J. N. Morris.

J. F. Eden read report of trustees of Bethel Male College, and same was adopted.

Time for hearing report of missions was fixed for 10:30 Wednesday morning. Report on Sunday Schools was also deferred until Wednesday morning.

N W Hurst read report on denominational literature, and made an earnest, forcible speech, followed by J F Eden, who spoke eloquently of the dangers of following questionable literature in the home.

W O Crumbley reported J F Eden to preach in the church Tuesday night, and H L Crumbley to preach in the school house (nearby) Wednesday at 11.00 o'clock.

Rev Euen's sermon Tuesday night was based on Isah, 9:6, and was much enjoyed by a large congregation.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Wednesday morning's session was opened with prayer by W. L. Culbertson. Minutes of Tuesday's sessions read, and with slight alteration, adopted.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

Body then returned to item 7 of the order of business, and extended a welcome to the following visiting brethren:

J. V. Tabb, of the Bowen Association; R. A. Morgan of Friendship Association; H. R. Barnard, of Mercer University; B. J. W. Graham, of the Christian Index, Geo. W. Andrews, state evangelist for Sunday School interests.

J. F. Eden was requested to prepare report on education, the regular committee being absent, and the same was set for first business Thursday morning.

Heard report on Orphan's Home, and adopted same.

E. W. Childs was re-elected treasurer.

At 10:00 o'clock heard an address from H R Barnard in behalf of Mercer University.

The hour for preaching having arrived the body adjourned to hear the annual missionary sermon by Rev N W Hurst. The text was Isah 62:10. The sermon was a splendid presentation of the Bible position on the question of missions. At the close of the sermon a collection, amounting to \$16.57, was taken for missionary purposes.

At the same hour Rev H L Crumbley preached to a large congregation in the school house.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Body meet 1:30, prayer by Bro. Andrews.

Heard report on missions, and after speeches by brethren, Graham, Eden and Morgan, same was adopted.

Heard special report from N W Hurst on the advisability of employing a missionary within the bounds of the Association. This report brought forth several good speeches, after which it was adopted.

Heard and adopted report of auditing committee.

Heard report on Sunday Schools. Brethren Massee and Andrews made interesting speeches on this report and it was adopted.

Brethren W. J. McLendon and A. J. Beard, who had sick loved ones at home, were excused by the body.

Preaching committee announced Rev R A Morgan to preach at the church Wednesday night, after which the body adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Body meet at 9:00 a m, prayer by Bro. Culbertson.

Minutes of Wednesday's session read, and with slight corrections adopted.

Heard report on education, and after an able and interesting speech by Bro Eden, same was adopted.

Heard finance report and adopted same

Heard report on digest of letters, which brought forth several interesting talks. The report was adopted.

Heard report on obituaries. Same was adopted with the messengers standing, and being led in prayer by Bro Hurst.

Heard and adopted report of committee of nominations.

New Bethel was selected as the next place of meeting, and Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1907, was fixed as the date of meeting.

The following resolution was offered by Bro Eden and was adopted.

"Resolved, That the special committee on Bethel College be instructed to press the matter of the College with the authorities of Mercer University, and endeavor to obtain something definite in regard to our property held by the Board, and make a report at next session."

The moderator announced the following standing committees.

On Missions: J B Parker, E W Childs, W F Cross.

Sunday Schools: W L Culbertson, W R Hodges, L T Gay.

Temperance: J M Taylor, G W Tanner, H S Page.

Education: J F Eden, J T Peak, H J Edwards.

Obituaries: J W Martin, J W Swan, Robt Clay.

Orphan's Home: Wisley Rich, R G Smith, J W Boyett.

Den minational literature: J H Duce, I A Ragan, B F Pierce.

By motion, the treasurer was instructed to turn over to the clerk the amount sent up for minutes, and the clerk was instructed to have 1,200 copies printed, and after paying for same he was to have remainder as pay for his services.

By motion the special collection of Wednesday was appropriated to the State Mission Board for missionary purposes.

The trustees of Bethel College were instructed to investigate an account of Boyett & Gunn, and render a definite report on same at next session.

Rev J F Eden offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, the year 1907 will mark the 75th annual session of the Bethel Association,

"Therefore be it resolved that a committee of three be ap-

pointed to prepare a suitable program marking the Diamond Jubilee of the Association to be observed at the next session to at such an hour as the committee may elect."

A vote of thanks was extended to the friends and brethren of New Hope and the clerk was instructed to copy in the minutes the following resolution:

"In as much as the good people of New Hope have thrown wide open their hearts and homes to us and given us a most gracious, christian welcome, we hereby extend to them the heartfelt thanks of this body, assuring them of a lasting and loving place in our hearts and memories."

Those brethren who were denied leave of absence Wednesday were excused.

Preaching committee announced Rev John Martin to preach in church at 11:00 o'clock.

On motion of N W Hurst, the churches were earnestly begged and requested to hereafter send to the Sessions of this body only such messengers as could and would remain until the business of the Association was concluded.

Minutes read and adopted

L A DUGGAN, Moderator.

S R BLANTON, Clerk.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE CLERK.

The minutes were delayed. The Association convenes at the beginning of the busy season. By the time the copy is prepared for the press the holiday rush is on, and printers everywhere have more work than they can do. This is the reason the minutes are late.

The Association requested the clerk to urge the churches to instruct their messengers to remain with the Association until the work is completed. I wish to urge the churches further to have their associational letters properly filled out. The financial and statistical tables are incomplete for this reason.

S. R. BLANTON, clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

"Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned."

Brethren here are our orders; not from man nor from men, but from The Christ, our Saviour and our Redeemer. From this order there is no escape save in disobedience, and if we are disobedient we shall be chastized, and if still disobedient, our usefulness, our power, our zeal, both as churches and individuals, will decline, leaving us as unprofitable servants.

We are hopeful that the missionary spirit is growing among our churches, but we urge upon our ministers the importance of teaching and making plain to their flock the great responsibility resting upon us as Christians.

William Ford, Chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

Eighteen years ago the Georgia Baptist Orphans' Home was founded in Atlanta. Twelve Baptist women, with a small gift as a nucleus, began the work in a rented five-room cottage, with five small boys. How nobly these women have toiled and faithfully wrought deserves to be told more fully than the present report will allow. In 1899 it was taken under the fostering care of the Convention, and in October of the same year, moved to the present site at Hapéville. By a recent agreement between the trustees of the Home and the State Board, the financial interests of the Home are now represented by the Board. This noble institution stands as a worthy object of pride to every Baptist of the State. Its superior location, substantial buildings, excellent farm and superb management entitle it to a warm place in our hearts and a large place in our offerings.

At present it provides an excellent home, with good school advantages, under Christian influences, for ninety orphan children of our state. With the completion of new central building capacity, has been largely increased and the number of inmates will probably be doubled in a short time. Applications are now coming in at the rate of from four to six per week. The current expenses must be met and about \$15 000 raised to complete the payment on the building. We are abundantly able to raise this in a short time. The cry of the fatherless is coming to us. It must be heard and, under God, it shall be heard. Has it not been heard by you? If not let this be the call.

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. Jordan, Chairman.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Parents cannot be too cautious in regard to the kind of books and periodicals that fall into the hands of their children.

Whatever a child reads helps to form its character. Pernicious habits of reading yellow back novels, detective stories, and other books of bad fiction, are formed by many of our young people.

The sensational accounts of all kinds of crime, as published in the daily newspapers, make unwholesome reading, especially for the youth of our homes.

Many village boys seem to lose their heads in eager search for daily accounts of baseball and football scores.

The tendency of the age is to feed the minds of the young people with sensational literature. Ministers of the gospel and parents who neglect to point out the evils of bad literature fail in their duty to their church and homes.

It is a privilege and a duty of Baptist to keep themselves parted on all matters pertaining to good morals and christianity.

The duty to use every spare moment for study is devolvent

upon all. It is equally the duty of all to learn how to choose out the good from the bad, and to read such books and periodicals as will give them proper information, and which will enable them to be successful in a life of Christian service.

For general information on baptist affairs in the state, we recommend the Christian Index. For full and interesting accounts of what our missionaries are doing on the foreign field, we recommend the Foreign Missionary Journal, published at Richmond, Va.

For S. S. literature, we recommend the S. B. C. series, published at Nashville, Tenn. For truth, Divine precept, and the doctrines of the soul's salvation, as revealed by our Lord, we recommend the Bible, which is preeminently the best book of religious literature known to man.

Respectfully submitted,

N. W. Hurst.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is a source of gratification to note that our people are becoming more thoroughly imbued with the subject of education. The whole state is awake on this most important subject. It is a source of much joy and pride to learn that all the educational institutions throughout the state are overcrowded with the youth, who are seeking to fit themselves for life's usefulness. "Knowledge is power," and in these days of progress along all the lines of industry and art, knowledge or training must be in the forefront. For without it the wheels of progress are stopped, and every industry crippled, and religion receives hurtful checks. It is as much the duty of parents to educate the minds and hearts of their children as to attend to their physical necessities.

It will not do for Baptists to be laggards in the matter of education and in the liberal support of their own denominational schools and colleges. We have reason to look with pardonable pride upon Mercer University, now under Dr. S. Y. Jameson; Monroe College under Dr. Jackson; and Shorter College under Bro. Simmons. We should endeavor to make these institutions the peers of any in the state in every respect. We regard the present effort making for the enlarged endowment of Mercer as ominous of great and enlarged opportunities and advantages for our Baptist work along all lines. And we ask to register our strong commendation of this effort and all efforts to more firmly establish this great heritage of our fathers, which was founded in their prayers, tears, sacrifices and beneficence.

We, therefore, recommend that a special committee to be known as the "Mercer Committee" be appointed to co-operate with the Board of Trustees of the University in their undertaking to raise the endowment herein mentioned.

Let us be loyal to our own institutions by praying for them and supporting them with our means and patronage.

Let us also encourage all our young brethren, who have the

ministry in view, to as thoroughly prepare themselves is possible by attending Mercer University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Jno. F. Eden, Chair.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee reports as follows :

To preach Introductory sermon, J. F. Eden ; alternate, J. G. Corley.

To preach Missionary Sermon, W. L. Culbertson ; alternate, L. L. Lyon.

Delegates to the Georgia Baptist Convention ; L. A. Duggan, J. W. Stanford, W. D. Hammock, D. R. Stewart, J. G. Corley, J. E. Paulin, J. W. Martin, J. A. Martin, N. W. Hurst, R. C. Pool.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention : I. P. Cocke, alternate, D. R. Stewart.

Board trustees Bethel Male College : J. W. Stanford, W. T. Jay, J. E. Mansfield, J. W. Martin, E. W. Childs, W. W. Binion, J. E. Paulin, B. W. Ellis, T. F. Moody, L. A. Duggan, J. H. Manry, D. R. Stewart, J. G. Corley.

Executive Committee : J. F. Eden, N. W. Hurt, W. L. Culbertson.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We find that the good Lord has preserved the lives of all our ministerial brethren through another associational year.

And for this goodness and mercy we render thanks to His great and Holy name.

W. O. Crumbley, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We report an increase in Sunday School work, but a decrease in baptisms by 32 under last year. We also found a decrease in contributions under last year. Most of the churches have pastors, but fully one half of them have no prayer meetings. So far as we can judge, the churches are at peace with each other and are making some progress. We would urge the churches to greater usefulness in the Lord.

J. W. Martin, Chairman.

REPORT OF BOARD TRUSTEES, BETHEL COLLEGE.

We respectfully report the buildings in good condition. The tin roof was painted last year, and other necessary repairs were made.

The property has been transferred to Mercer University as directed, because of the frequent changes in the Presidents of that institution, thus making progress along this line impossible. The abstract of title is on file in Macon with them, only

waiting their direction.

Very Respectfully,

B. W. Ellis,
Secretary.

J. W. Stanford.
President.

SPECIAL REPORT ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

There is a pressing need within the bounds of the Bethel Association of more thorough evangelistic work.

The Baptist cause suffers because we are well nigh idle, while other denominations are alert and active, we need to adopt some system by which we can better indoctrinate the churches and bring the indifferent members to a fuller sense of duty. Much good material is being lost to us as Baptists, because we neglect our privileges and fail to utilize the best of opportunities for efficient work. Too many of our churches have no organized and well regulated Sunday schools.

We need an evangelist among us.

Therefore, we recommend that this Association asking the State Board of Missions to co-operate with us, employ an educated, strong deeply spiritual, and enthusiastic working minister of the gospel as missionary and S. S. evangelist, whose duty will be to travel over the territory of the Association and give all his time to distributing Baptist literature, preaching, indoctrinating, lecturing, and organizing Sunday Schools.

His labors must not necessarily cease with his sermons, lectures and distribution of books, but it shall be his duty to visit the sick, the destitute, and the distressed, whenever and wherever opportunity affords and open to them the scriptures; console the troubled, encourage the faithless, and hold Divine service in their homes.

We recommend 2nd that the Executive Committee of this Association be instructed to secure such a man, as missionary and S. S. evangelist of the Bethel Association, fixing his salary at not less than \$1000.00 per annum and call upon the churches for their proper apportionment of said salary.

We recommend 3rd that, the executive committee prepare and send to each and all of the churches in the bounds of our Association a written notice of their appointment within one month from this date, and to employ a man as missionary and S. S. evangelist as soon as practicable.

4th we, also recommend that, the messengers who are present in this body enter heartily into the movement and encourage their churches, which they represent, to co-operate with them in the work.

N. W. Hurst, Chair.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Since Robert Baker gathered the first and little Sunday School and taught them the Bible, what a wonderful development in this line of Christian work. How steadily it has grown with all the literature and lesson helps at our command what a

power for good. Can christian churches afford to neglect this work that God has so abundantly blessed? Are not churches without Sunday Schools on the wane? Yet judging from the report of a committee at the last association quite a number of churches of this association are disregarding one of the greatest opportunities that the Master gives them of leading souls to Him.

In the Sunday School we not only lead others to Christ, but instruct and strengthen them there by fitting them to fill places of usefulness in the church.

Let us insist that the ministers take this matter up at their various churches, organize Sunday Schools where there are none, see that the most Godly men and women are placed in charge, and to inspire them with the spirit of Christ to go forward with this great work. Then we will expect to see more conversions reported and mission collections greatly increased.

We also recommend the organization of a Sunday School Convention to be known as the Bethel Association Sunday School Convention the first session to be held at Cuthbert on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in March 1906 and that a special committee of three be appointed to prepare a program. All pastors, officers and teachers are requested and urged to attend.

J. W. Massee, Chair.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee respectfully submits the following report:

We note with much pleasure the Spiritual blessings with which many of our churches have been visited during the past Associational year. Our profoundest gratitude should go up to our Heavenly Father for these and all His blessings.

We regret the scarcity of ministers living and laboring within the bounds of thAssociation, and pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send more laborers into His vineyard.

We would suggest that plans be perfected for the establishment of a Sunday School Convention within the bounds of our Association, whereby the Sunday School interest can be greatly assisted, and the young people more thoroughly trained.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Stanford	} Ex. Com.
W. R. Curry	
J. E. Paullin	

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe intemperance to be the greatest enemy of the church of our Lord, and we are glad to know that public sentiment is growing stronger against the sale of intoxicating beverages in any form. The temperance people have recently won several important victories over the advocates of this unjust

traffic. We believe the time is at hand when the people of God should demand an anti-jug law, that the delivery of whiskey by express may be prohibited in prohibition counties; or better still, give the people a chance to vote on state prohibition.

W. M. Faircloth, Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance reports as follows:

Received for clerk and minutes	\$60.76
Received for state missions.....	\$360.23
Received for home missions.....	\$201.17
Received for foreign missions.....	\$189.91
Received for ministerial relief.....	\$34.23
Received for ministerial education.....	\$2.65
Received for orphanage.....	\$129.57
Received for Mercer University.....	30c
Received special collection undirected.....	\$16.51
Total	\$995.22
Amount reported previously sent up.....	\$2,205.14
Grand total.....	\$3200.47

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

TUESDAY EVENING

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Association met in the school building at New Hope church Tuesday Oct. 30, 1906 at 2 p. m.

On account of the small number of messengers present it was deemed advisable to postpone our business until the afternoon of the next day. However, we spent an hour very profitably in a devotional service. After singing "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow," we were led in the service by Mrs. L. P. Taylor, who read and commented on Matt. 26:6-13.

We then sang "Precious name" and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday at 2 p. m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Taylor, who read Phil. 4:2-8 also Rom. 10:14, 15. In the course of her remarks she stressed the importance of our taking and reading our mission literature.

Bro. Jno. F. Eden, the pastor at Cuthbert, having been invited, gave us a very earnest address on mission work and recommended that the societies within our bounds and other ladies who are willing, be requested to raise funds necessary to meet the expenses of our Vice-President and an assistant in traveling over the territory seeking to stimulate and organize societies in all the churches. This suggestion was subsequently discussed and unanimously adopted.

Owing to the infeebled health of our Vice President Mrs. Paullin, with whom we deeply sympathize, and assured that she is unable to attend to the arduous duties devolving upon the Vice President, the Union decided to recommend the name of Mrs. L. P. Taylor for this position for the ensuing year to the Executive Committee of the State Union.

Mrs. Keaton read a report on Home Missions, which was followed by a report on Foreign Missions read by Mrs. Watts.

The roll of societies was called, and the following responded:

BLAKELY.

Foreign Missions.....	\$42.41
Home Missions.....	32.70
State Missions.....	10.00
Orphan's Home.....	40.00
Scholarships to mountain girls.....	25.00
Needy.....	19.75
Total.....	<u>\$169.86</u>

SHELLMAN.

Amounts not stated.

Mrs. H. Watson, Sec.

COLEMAN.

Amounts not reported.

Mrs. W. D. Hammock, Pres.

Mrs. A. L. Martin, Sec.

BLUFFTON.

Foreign Missions.....	\$9 25
Home Missions.....	3 50
State Missions.....	3.50
Total.....	<u>\$16.25</u>

Mrs. W. F. Harris, Pres.

Mrs. C. R. Sanders, Sec.

Fort Gaines.

Foreign Missions.....	\$37.20
Home Missions.....	37.90
State Missions.....	30 00
Orphans' Home.....	26 00
Poor.....	20.96
Total.....	<u>\$152.00</u>

Mrs. J. E. Paullin, Pres.

Miss Lila Gay, Sec.

CUTHBERT.

Theological Seminary.....	\$10.00
Box to Missionary.....	114.00
Christmas Offering.....	22.83
Ministerial Education.....	4.00
Foreign Missions.....	14.00
Home Missions.....	44.82

State Missions.....	14.00
Mercer University.....	4.00
Indigent Ministers.....	4.00
Orphans' Home.....	4.00
Miss Kate Perry.....	14.00

Total	\$249.65
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Number of members 31.

Mrs. L. A. Duggan,	Mrs. J. W. Stanford,	Mrs. L. E. Gay,
Pres	Treas.	Sec.

Resolved that the President of each society be requested to raise monthly such a sum as is thought proper to aid in meeting the actual expenses incurred by our Vice-President and an assistant, who propose to give their time and labors to the work. The Vice-President and her assistant are to keep a strict account of their actual expenses and make a report monthly or quarterly to the Executive Committee of the Association, whose assistance we respectfully solicit, and into whose hands funds be sent for disbursement in this work.

Be it resolved, that in as much as the good people of New Hope have thrown wide open their hearts and homes to us and given us a most gracious Christian welcome, we hereby extend to them the heart felt thanks of this body, assuring them of a lasting and loving place in our hearts and memories. We are indebted to them for many kindnesses and untiring attentions, and we heartily respond.

Be it resolved 2nd, that we thank most cordially Rev. J. F. Eden for his earnest and helpful talk to the body on missions, awakening our sisters to greater work.

After a song and prayer the Union closed a very helpful and enthusiastic session.

Mrs. L. P. Taylor, V. Pres. protem Mrs. R. L. Farnum, Sec.



APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association, through her Executive Committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a specific object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of three members, chosen from the membership of the churches

composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

13. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of business, the Articles of faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasurer of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

ART. 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through faith in the Son of God.

ART. 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the Gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

ART. 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

ART. 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons.

ART. 10. We believe that christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lords Supper.

ART. 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

ART. 12. We believe in a general judgement and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn reparation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNT'S	PASTORS	CLERKS	PO. OF FICE	Baptized	Re'd by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership
Arlington	Calhoun	J A Ivey	S R Blanton	Arlington	2	5	11			1	84
Anfioch	Clay	J E White	W F Cross	Morris			1				38
Bluffton	Clay	J W Martin	F Mansfield	Bluffton							
Bethel	Clay		J C Camp	Blakely	2	5		2		1	71
Bethany	Baker	W O Crumley	W A White	Milford			3				50
Beulah	Early	R C Poole	J E Ricks	Cedar Springs	1	19		11		3	191
Blakely	Early	N W Hurst	A M Irwin	Blakely	2				1		
Carnegie	Randolph	J G Corley	N Fellows	Carnegie	5	11		2			60
Coleman	Randolph	W W Arnold	R G Hammack	Coleman	3	12		5			77
Colomokee	Early	J G Corley	J C Balcum	Blakely			2	4	1		105
Cuthbert	Randolph	J F Eden	T F Moody	Cuthbert	32			15	2	3	208
Damascus	Early	L L Lyon	A A Hasty	Kestler	9	9	1	14		3	153
Damascus	Randolph	W L Culbertson	J T Peak	Cuthbert							
Dover	Terrell	J W Martin	W J Cannon	Dawson							
Edison	Calhoun	W W Arnold	H E Hammack	Edison		13				1	60
Elim	Calhoun	W D Hammack	J T Sauls	Shellman	2	2					108
Eanon	Quitman	J E White	J F Castellow	Georgetown	8	6	8				
Enterprise	Clay		R G Smith	Bluffton							
Ft. Gaines	Clay	A G Hash	J M Culpepper	Ft Gaines	34	9	2	7		2	184
Friendship	Randolph	J G Corley	W A Poindexter	Shellman	12	3		11		1	54
Georgetown	Quitman	J E White	W B Tye	Georgetown	12	10		5			78
Herd	Terrell	L L Lyon	H F Melton	Heron	5	3		8	1		77
Hilton	Early	J A Rooks	C A Beslile	Hilton		3		3			13
Leary	Calhoun	W L Culbertson	B J Keel	Leary	5	8		1			43
Lebanon	Terrell	A B Hawkes	R J Greer	Sasser	2	11	1	2		1	60
Lebanon	Clay	W S Hees	M A Locky	Hatchers							35
Midway	Baker	L L Lyon	J W Johnson	Milford				5			
Milford	Calhoun	W L Culbertson	C B Weaver	Morgan	10	6	1	9		1	132
Morgan	Quitman	A C Wellons	J W Cumbie	Morris				3			38
Morris	Clay		C C Lindsey	Ft Gaines	1			7	1	5	26
Mt. Gilliad	Miller	J W Martin			3	1					50
Mt. Hebron	Randolph		J W Fellows	Carnegie	14	9		3	2	1	110
Mt. Vernon	Clay	J E Dykes	C C Pearce	Zetto							
Mt. Zion	Clay		C A Beslile	Ft Gaines							
New Bethel	Randolph	L L Lyon	R Ferguson	Cuthbert							
New Hope	Early	J W Martin	W A Lindsey	Colquitt	5	3		9	4	1	156
Pine View	Early	J A Rooks	W E Hayes	Blakely		2					47
Spring Vale	Early	R C Pool	O H Calloway	Blakely	3		3				
Spring Vale	Randolph	J W Sauls	S W Manry	Shellman	10	6		9	1		
Spring Vale	Calhoun	W L Culbertson	I A Martin	Edison	15	4		16		1	219
Spring Vale	Calhoun	W L Culbertson	W J Ray	Shellman	1	18		6		2	113
Spring Vale	Clay	J E White	T M Davis	Coleman						4	35
Spring Vale	Randolph		B E Joiner	Spring Vale	6	1		1		2	32
Spring Vale	Bluffton	J W Martin			17	3	7		1		148

Not quite exact; some of the church letters were not given me and I copy from the local table. Only three churches reported their days of meeting - Arlington 1st & 2nd; Friendship 3rd; Leary 1st and 3rd Monday night.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt Order of Business for Present Session.
4. Hear Applications for Membership.
5. Fix the Hours of Meeting and Adjourning.
6. Appoint Committees to Report at Present Session, viz: (1) On Preaching, (2) on Finance, (3) on Auditing, (4) on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches, (5) on Nominations, (to preach Introductory and Missions Sermons at Next Session, Delegates to the State Convention, Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College, and Executive Committee.)
7. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational Enterprises, and Visitors.
8. Hear the Report of the Treasurer.
9. Hear Report of the Executive Committee.
10. Hear Report of Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
11. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) Missions, (2) Sunday Schools, (3) Temperance, (4) Education, (5) Obituaries, (6) Digest of Letters, State of Churches, (7) Nominations, (8) Finance, (9) Auditing, (10) Orphans Home, (11) Denominational Literature.
12. Elect Treasurer.
13. Appoint Correspondents.
14. Fix the Time and Place for Holding Next Session.
15. Appoint Committees to Report Next Session: (1) Missions (2) Temperance, (3) Sunday Schools, (4) Education (5) Obituaries, (6) Orphan Home, (7) Denominational Literature.
16. Call for Applications for Dismission.
17. Arrange for Printing Minutes and Clerk's Fee.
18. Miscellaneous Business.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNT'S	Clerk and Minutes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan Home	Pastor's Salary	Indigent Ministers	Building and repairs	Visiting ministers	Grand Total
Arlington....	Calhoun	\$1 50	\$ 4 91	\$ 4 92	\$ 4 92	\$	\$ 4 50	\$	\$ 57	\$	\$ 306 50
Antioch.....	Clay	75		8 75			150			9 30	158 80
Bluffton.....	Clay										
Bethel.....	Clay	50				4 50					7 00
Bethany.....	Baker	56	4 50								13 70
Bulah.....	Early	3 50	50 00	57 70		47 65	1 000		30		1688 09
Blakely.....	Early	1 00	13 99		15 40	11 86	150			10 88	221 70
Carnegie.....	Randolph	1 50	15 40	15 4							49 75
Coleman.....	Randolph	3 00	36 95								190 07
Colonokee.....	Early	1 50	5 00	12 50	7 50	12					38 55
Cuthbert.....	Randolph	3 00	50 28	205 55	587 87	4		6			1005 70
Damasus.....	Early	1 50	11 00	5	5	1 25					23 75
Damascus.....	Randolph	1 00	5 00		2 50						7 50
Dover.....	Terrell	1 50	5 00	5	5	2		1 80			146 71
Edison.....	Calhoun	2 00	21 00	21	22 45		250				364 95
Elim.....	Calhoun	1 00	3 00	3		2 50					11 50
Eanon.....	Quitman	1 00	5 00	5	4		125		39 67	30 00	170 80
Enterprise.....	Clay	1 00	3 50	3	3						10
Ft. Gaines.....	Clay	2 00	110 00	40	86 30	50	800	15 87		210	1576 83
Friendship.....	Randolph	2 00		15	18	5					40
Georgetawn.....	Quitman	50		15	6 60		150	5	100		72
Herod.....	Terrell	1 50	7 00	10 95	7		200				336 95
Hilton.....	Early	1 00	4 00		3	3	60				70
Leary.....	Calhoun	1 00	10 00								11
Lebanon.....	Terrell	1 75	16 60	16 85	30	17	200		9 00		291
Midway.....	Clay	1 00	4 50	4	4	5 50	125				117
Milford.....	Baker	1 00				2 65					3 65
Morgan.....	Calhoun	1 00	13 00	13	15		250				289
Morris.....	Quitman	1 00	5 55	5 55	5 55					9 20	59 36
Mt. Gilliad.....	Clay	75			3 30	1	100	3			120 25
Mt. Hebron.....	Miller	1 50	6	6	6	4 50					55 50
Mt. Hebron.....	Randolph	1 00	2		2						10
Mt. Vernon.....	Clay	1 00	9								12 70
Mt. Zion.....	Clay	1 00	8 35			3 35					
New Bethel.....	Randolph	2 00			4						13 57
New Hope.....	Early	2 00	3	2	2						11 90
Pine View.....	Early	90	4 50	3 56		3 50					176 65
Providence.....	Early	1 00	15	3							27 22
Rehobeth.....	Randolph	2 00		6	4	1 50		20			304
Salem.....	Calhoun	3 00	10 55				250				1067 96
Shallman.....	Randolph	1 50	75 97			25	400				11 20
Shiloah.....	Clay	1 00	11								13 40
Spring Vale.....	Randolph	1 00	5	3 70	3 70						236 40
Vilula.....	Randolph	2 50	8	8	8	8	100	3 90			

Sunday School Statistics

Churches	Superintend 'nt	Po-Office	No. Teachers	No. Pupils
Arlington	G W Harrison	Arlington	3	30
Antioch	W F Cross		3	30
Bethel		Milford		
Bethany	O A Jordan		2	40
Beula		Blakely		
Blakely	Jno Underwood	Bluffson	12	70
Bluffton	Olin Norton	Carnegie	5	37
Carnegie	Mike Ivey	Coleman		
Coleman	Joe Ray		10	25
Colomokee		Cuthbert		
Cuthbert	T T Moody			100
Damascus R				
Damascus E			7	
Dover		Edison		
Edison	Henry Turner	Shellman	5	71
Enterprise	J T Sauls	Hatcher		
Elim	W T Moore		12	60
Enan		Fort Gaines	3	
Fort Gaines	J E Paulin	Georgetown		130
Friendship	J H Manry			20
Georgetown	H M Kaigler	Herod	6	
Herod	J H McLendon		5	
Hilton		Leary	7	40
Leary	S L Dismuke	Sasser		30
Lebanon	R J Gieer			60
Midway			4	
Milford		Morgan		
Morgan	J J Beck	Morris		32
Morris	J W Cumbe			
Mount Gilliad				
Mount Hebron				
Mount Hebron				
Mount Vernon				
Mount Zion				
New Bethel		Blakely	7	
New Hope	S A Lindsey			57
Pine View		Blakely	5	
Providence	D B Jernigan		7	30
Rehobeth	J E Hemir	Shellman	5	40
Salem	I B Manry	Edison	6	25
Shellman	R M Bower	Shellman	5	50
Shiloah			8	
Spring Vale	J N Masse	Spring Vale		35
Vilala				





LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Corley, J. G.,	Blakely,	Ga.
Crumbley, W. O.,	Kestler,	"
Culbertson, W. L.,	Shellman,	"
Cheshire, E. S.,	Blakely,	"
Dykes, J. E.,	Blakely,	"
Eden, J. F.,	Cuthbert,	"
Hammack, W. P.,	Coleman,	"
Hurst, N. W.,	Blakely,	"
Hash, A. G.,	Fort Gaines,	"
Jones, C. E.,	Damascus,	"
King, J. J.,	Blakely,	"
Lyon, L. L.,	Arlington,	"
Martin, John,	Shellman,	"
Martin, J. W.,	Cuthbert,	"
Miller, J. I. D.,	Arlington,	"
Poole, R. C.,	Kestler,	"
Rooks, J. A.,	Colquitt,	"
Sauls, J. W.,	Shellman,	"
Sauls, J. P.,	Shellman,	"
Sauls, S. J.,	Shellman,	"
Sullivan, S. F.,	Shellman,	"

MINUTES

✧ OF THE ✧

Seventy-Fifth Annual Session

✧ OF THE ✧

Bethel Baptist Association

✧ HELD WITH ✧

New Bethel Church, Randolph County, Ga.,

October 29, 30 and 31, 1907.

OFFICERS :

JOHN F. EDEN, Moderator,	.....	Cuthbert, Ga.
E. S. COLLINS, Clerk	.....	Blakely, Ga.
L. L. LYON, Treasurer	Arlington, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

N. W. HURST,	A. G. HASH,	L. L. LYON.
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Next Session Convenes with Blakely Church, Early County, Ga., on
Tuesday after the Fourth Sunday in October, 1908.

Early County News Job Print, Blakely

MINUTES.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Session of the Bethel Association met with New Bethel church, Randolph county, Tuesday morning, Oct. 29th, 1907.

Introductory sermon by J. F. Eden. As both the Moderator and the Clerk were absent, a temporary organization was effected by electing J. F. Eden Moderator and E. S. Collins, Clerk.

Adjourned till 1:30.

During the dinner hour the roll of messengers was perfected.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. W. W. Mabry.

The Association made its temporary organization permanent by requiring the Clerk to cast the vote of the house for Jno. F. Eden for Moderator and electing E. S. Collins Clerk by acclamation.

The roll of messengers was called and the following responded:

Antioch—W. F. Cross, R. W. Beauchamp.

New Hope—E. S. Cheshire, T. B. Holly, J. A. J. Sheffield, Howard Lindsey.

Eaterprise—J. H. T. McKinnon, A. K. Smith.

Midway—B. F. Lokey, J. C. Shaw.

Mt. Zion—W. E. Pounds, W. C. Belisle.

Damascus, Randolph county—Wm. Ford, J. T. Peak, C. D. Peak, J. W. Saxon, W. T. Sanders.

Damascus, Early county—B. M. George.

Edison—J. D. Holloway, R. W. Plowden, E. L. Smith.

Mt. Hebron, Miller county—J. A. Rooks, C. C. Miller.

Herod—H. P. Hass, H. F. Melton, T. J. Dennis.

Providence—W. J. Kenney, P. I. Harrell.

Elim—J. W. Sauls, W. H. Johnson, J. M. Johnson, T. J. Beard.

Hilton—H. T. Dykes, C. A. Belisle.

Fort Gaines—A. G. Hash, Myrick Day.

Coleman—D. W. Hammack, W. Rish, I. P. Rhodes.

Mt. Gilead—

Shiloh—T. R. Smith.

Morris—J. W. Cumbie.

Carnegie—O. H. Sanders.

Morgan—C. H. Gee, J. M. Newton, C. W. Davis, C. M. Cheney, John Harris.

Bethany—W. F. Lawrence.

Milford—T. R. Morris, W. Z. Rooks.

Dover—M. R. Holeman, W. H. Grubbs, W. S. Thornton.

Pineview—T. E. Fort, J. B. Turner.

Blakely—N. W. Hurst.

Springvale—J. N. Massee.

Arlington—L. L. Lyon, Jas. Morgan.

Cuthbert—J. F. Eden, J. W. Stanford, R. D. Gay, Terrell Moody, L. D. Martin.

Shellman—W. L. Culbertson, J. B. Payne, W. H. Arnold, R. B. Martin, R. J. Watson.

Mt. Hebron—J. W. Martin, T. A. Fellows, Emmett Bass, A. J. Ivey.

Salem—S. W. Manry, W. E. Tanner, G. D. Ragan, Q. J. Elliott, W. B. Joiner.

Colomokee—J. G. Corley, W. H. Trippe, W. H. Lee, Lonnie Smith, E. S. Collins.

Lebanon—J. C. Joiner, J. T. Varner.

Rehoboth—G. W. Schramm, J. E. Henier, E. F. Sanders, T. T. Trippe, H. J. Edwards.

Friendship—J. H. Manry, W. H. Ferguson, J. W. Bone, E. E. Robinson.

New Bethel—John Martin, D. R. Stewart, J. T. Stewart, P. H. Plowden, J. M. Taylor.

Mt. Vernon—J. B. Wilds, E. T. Pearce.

Bluffton—A. D. Ingram, J. B. Parker, W. F. Davis.

Vilula—B. E. Joiner, S. Ragan, C. A. Brown.

Beulah—J. L. Ricks.

The order of business as printed in the minutes was adopted for this session.

The hours of meeting and adjourning were fixed to meet at 9 a. m.; adjourn at 10:45; meet at 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at will.

Called for correspondents and visitors from sister Associations and benevolent institutions. Rev. R. A. Morgan, J. A. Ivey and A. C. Wellons responded from Friendship Association, Rev. W. H. Norton from Rehoboth and Rev. W. W. Mabry from Summer Hill.

Rev. J. M. Waller for State Mission Board and orphans' Home, Dr. J. E. Briggs for Home Mission Board and B. J. W. Graham for the Index.

The Moderator appointed brother L. L. Lyon and the messengers of New Bethel church Committee on Preaching.

Report of Treasurer was read and referred to Auditing Committee.

J. W. Stanford was appointed Auditing Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. J. F. Elen with Rev. N. W. Hurst in the chair.

After full discussion of the recommendations embodied in this report, the report, together with the recommendations, was adopted, and will be found in proper place.

Moderator appointed the following Committees:

On Finance—J. M. Taylor, R. B. Martin, R. D. Gay.

On Digest of Letters—S. W. Manry, J. L. Ricks, W. R. Morris, J. B. Jayne, J. H. T. McKinnon.

On Nominations—E. L. Smith, J. W. Stanford, B. E. Joiner, J. N. Massee.

The report on Sunday schools was read by Rev. W. L. Culbertson,

and after discussion was deferred till next morning. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 30, 1907.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. A. Ivey, the minutes were read and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

On Missions—J. G. Corley, R. W. Beauchamp, A. K. Smith, W. E. Pounds, Wm. Ford.

On Sunday Schools—E. L. Smith, E. S. Cheshire, B. F. Lokey, B. M. George, J. A. Rooks.

On Temperance—D. W. Hammack, J. M. Newton, M. R. Holeman, T. E. Fort.

On Education—A. G. Hash, W. J. Kenney, R. L. Shaw, T. R. Smith, James Morgan.

On Obituaries—L. L. Lyon, G. W. Schramm, W. H. Ferguson, J. C. Joiner, H. F. Melton.

Orphans' Home—W. L. Culbertson, John Martin, S. Ragan, D. R. Stewart, T. T. Trippe.

On Denominational Literature—N. W. Hurst, C. C. Miller, J. D. Holloway, J. W. Sauls, H. T. Dykes.

The report on Sunday schools was taken up and adopted, together with the recommendations therein embodied.

Rev. J. R. Jester was recognized representing the Education Commission and Mercer University.

Rev. L. L. Lyon was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

On motion any brother visiting sister Associations will be recognized by this body as their corresponding delegates.

Blakely was selected as the place for holding next annual session: time Tuesday after fourth Sunday in October, 1908.

The report on education was read by Rev. J. F. Eden, with Rev. John Martin in the chair. After discussion, the report, together with the recommendations embodied, was adopted.

On motion J. F. Eden, N. W. Hurst, A. G. Hash, J. W. Stanford and Truett Martin were appointed to raise an endowment fund as recommended by the report on Education. Adjourned to 1:30.

Rev. W. L. Culbertson preached a strong missionary sermon, after which \$43.32 was contributed in a public collection for State Missions.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises, the report on missions was read by Bro. J. B. Parker. After discussion by Dr. J. E. Briggs and J. A. Waller, State evangelist, the report was adopted.

Rev. N. W. Hurst appealed to the churches for \$100.00 for aid to J. F. Eden, Jr., at the Southern Baptist Seminary. The following amounts were pledged: Cuthbert \$25.00, Blakely \$15.00, Fort Gaines, \$15.00,

Midway \$5.00, Milford \$5.00, Edison \$5.00, Damascus in Early county \$5.00, Beulah \$5.00, Bluffton \$5.00, New Bethel \$5.00, Morgan \$5.00, Shellman \$10.00.

The report on Obituaries was read by Rev. J. W. Martin and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. J. M. Taylor and spoken to in an interesting manner by Rev. B. J. W. Graham. The report was then adopted.

Committee on Finance made its report, which was adopted.

Auditing Committee reported as follows: Your Auditing Committee respectfully reports that the Treasurer's report has been carefully examined and found correct.

J. W. STANFORD, Auditor.

Rev. N. W. Hurst offered a resolution that in Art. 18 of the Constitution the word "three" be stricken and insert the word "five."

Bro. B. J. W. Graham spoke eloquently and earnestly for the Index.

The report on Digest of Letters was read and adopted.

Moderator appointed two committees to report at this session:

On Orphans' Home—L. L. Lyon, W. H. Arnold, I. B. Turner and T. A. Fellows.

On Denominational Literature—J. N. Massee, W. H. Grubbs, T. Moody and O. H. Sanders.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 13, 1907.

After devotional exercises, the minutes were read and adopted.

Letters and contributions from Enon and Georgetown were referred to the Treasurer.

Recognized Rev. J. L. C. Keer from Stone Mountain Association.

The report on denominational literature was read and adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to print 1200 minutes and distribute them according to the amounts sent by the churches. He receiving the balance of the funds for minutes and associational purposes as his compensation.

Bro. J. W. Stanford read report on Bethel College, which was adopted.

On motion the W. M. U. was granted the privilege of inserting their proceedings and statistics in the minutes.

The following program was rendered in celebration of the Bethel Association Diamond Jubilee:

Historical Sketch—J. F. Eden.

Reminiscences—John Martin.

Mt. Hebron church, Miller county, was granted a letter of dismission.

Report on Orphans' Home was read by Col. L. L. Lyon and adopted. A cash collection for the Home resulted in \$31.83.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Be it resolved, That inasmuch as the good people of New Bethel community have thrown wide open their hearts and homes to us and given us a most gracious Christian welcome, we hereby extend to them the heartfelt thanks of this body, assuring them of a lasting place in our hearts and memories.

N. W. HURST.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Read and adopted minutes and adjourned sine die.

E. S. COLLINS, Clerk.

J. F. EDEN, Moderator.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Nominations.

Introductory Sermon—John Martin, alternate J. G. Corley.

Missionary Sermon—A. G. Hash, alternate N. W. Hurst.

Delegates to State Convention—J. F. Eden, W. D. Hammack, J. W. Stanford, R. B. Martin, W. L. Culbertson, A. G. Hash, N. W. Hurst, Henry Turner, T. Moody, L. L. Lyon, John W. Martin.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Stanford, alternate J. F. Eden.

Board Trustees of Bethel College—J. W. Stanford, W. T. Jay, J. W. Martin, W. W. Binion, J. E. Paullin, J. C. Martin, B. W. Ellis, T. F. Moody, J. F. Eden, R. D. Gay, J. H. Manry, D. R. Stewart.

Executive Committee—N. W. Hurst, A. G. Hash, L. L. Lyon.

Respectfully,

E. L. SMITH, Chairman.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ manifesting itself in efforts to save. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned." When Christ came to this world of sorrow and sin, He condemned sin in the flesh that we might have life. The risen Christ meant something when he commissioned mortals to carry his gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. The Father and the Son meant something when he commissioned the Holy Spirit to take charge of and direct this work through human means.

The Master said "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Here is God's own words and we as his followers ought to put forth every effort to awaken our people in the great cause of missions.

We are hopeful that the missionary spirit is growing in our churches.

Respectfully, J. B. PARKER, Chairman.

Denominational Literature.

Brethren, we cannot be too particular as to the reading matter that goes into our homes, for whatever children read helps to form their minds and shape their characters.

We recommend the Christian Index for general information as to Baptist affairs, The Home Field and Foreign Missionary Journal.

But the Bible is the book of books. If we will make it the muse of our counsel, we will never go wrong.

J. N. MASSEE,
Chairman.

REPORT BOARD TRUSTEES BETHEL COLLEGE.

We respectfully report the building and grounds are being looked after carefully. The building is insured and in good state of repair.

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

After carefully examining letters from 38 churches, we find the churches in good spiritual condition.

The additions to the churches by Baptism and restoration is 301, a decrease by death and expulsion 44, leaving a net gain of 257.

We are glad to report that 29 out of the 38 report Sunday schools. Contributions to missions \$3,681.22, which is some better than last year's report.

S. W. MANRY, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Bethel Association: We are in the midst of a great temperance movement. It is only a phase of the passion for civic righteousness that is everywhere sweeping the nation. That all social organization exists for the purpose of developing good men and good women—this is the new social creed. That the welfare of a single human soul can not be measured in terms of dollars and cents—this is being generally accepted as true.

This is merely applied Christianity. "All that a man has will he give for his life," said the First Citizen of the world; and since no man liveth to himself, "all that a man hath will he give for his brother's life, for his neighbor's life."

Since the last meeting of this Association, the splendid local victories for local prohibition have set the State on fire, and the last General Assembly has, as we feel, forever set the seal of legal condemnation upon a traffic that has come to be recognized as at variance with all the ends of government. And so after the first of January, 1908, the Empire

State of the South places herself where Oglethorpe and the Fathers established her nearly two hundred years ago.

More recently, the newest of the sisterhood of States, Oklahoma, has been baptised into the Union as a prohibition State, thus establishing herself upon the everlasting foundations of holiness to the Lord. Besides these victories, the movement is sweeping all the Southern States; and there seems every reason to believe that within the next 5 years the hateful traffic will be banished by legal decree from the soil of every Southern State. And it is not too much to hope that the entire Nation itself will within the present generation utterly destroy the legalized sale of liquor. In all this, our Church has fought in the forefront. Realizing that the sale of liquors is at enmity with the Kingdom of our Lord, and the most insidious enemy of his Cause, our brethren everywhere, not by any decree or ecclesiastical order, but by an inevitable spiritual instinct, have arrayed themselves in unalterable opposition to it; and the wonder of posterity will be not so much that we did it, but that it was not swept away sooner.

In this we have been consistent, acting in line with the God-fearing King of old, who, before he began to restore the worship of the Lord, first totally destroyed the worship of Baal.

And now that we have won a victory, let us seek to conserve the fruits of victory; and avoiding all political and personal politics, yet insist that our public officials enforce the law, and make it more effective.

J. M. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Report on Sunday Schools.

By referring to the minutes of the last session of the Association, we note with regret that only twenty-five Churches report any Sunday School and some of this number maintaining Sunday Schools only a part of the year, while nineteen Churches reported no Sunday School at all. We note also, that in the Churches maintaining Sunday Schools there is a seeming lack of interest on the part of the older people. We would recommend, therefore, that the pastors urge upon the Churches the importance of maintaining this mighty factor in our denominational life, until every Church shall report an evergreen Sunday School, using the literature published by the Sunday School board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We are glad to report that the Sunday School Convention created at the last session of the Association met with some degree of interest and enthusiasm during its first session at Cuthbert embracing the Fifth Sunday in March.

We think that the launching of this Convention is both wise and timely and is calculated to create and develop a greater interest in the Sunday School work.

We recommend that a Committee be appointed to arrange for the

time, place and program for another session of the Convention and that the Convention be granted the authority to perpetuate itself, holding its meetings from time to time as it may appoint.

Respectfully,

W. L. CULBERTSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education consists in the proper training and development of all the parts of our complex being for the greatest utility in all the relations of life with God and men. We fall far short of the true conception when we conceive the idea that an education is to fit our children merely for the purpose of making money or of making men successful in business. We are living in a day when sordid gain seems to be the goal for which men and women are bending all their energies. The world seems to be crazy to get rich. Intellectuality and spirituality are giving place to materiality. The intellectual and spiritual giants are few as compared with past generations, whereas the millionaires are abundant. Would it not be well for us to pause and ask where are we and to what are we coming? The present system of public school education is all too rapid and superficial. Our State institutions of the higher grade are politico-materialistic, and cannot, from the very nature of the case, be made highly moral and spiritual educational centers. Every effort is making to force the public schools to become feeders to these higher grade State institutions, and our people are contributing through taxation and otherwise for the maintenance and enlargement of these institutions which are forbidden to teach religion, and our denominational schools and colleges are straining every point to exist and try to do that highest and noblest work for the human race for which they were established in the prayers, tears, sacrifices and sufferings of Christian men and women. The State schools are thriving as never before, whereas some of our Baptist schools are dead and others are dying for want of patronage and support from our own people. All this in the face of the fact that the Baptists of Georgia are reported as paying more than half of the taxes of the State.

Brethren, ought these things so to be? Our own Bethel college, named for this Association, is virtually dead in the face of the fact that there are enough Baptists and Baptist means within the bounds of this Association and in her contiguous territory to equip and maintain a magnificent school of first class character.

Our platitudes and dissertations annually on the glories of an education are inadequate to the demands. A true education, which will withstand all tests, is to know how and best to serve God and men. To this end we believe Mercer, Bessie Tift, Shorter and our other Baptist institutions come nearer being idealistic than others. Therefore, they deserve and demand our heartiest support, sympathy and patronage.

Let us endeavor to make them and demand that they be made even more worthy of our confidence and support as representative and promotive of our civic and religious views. The day is now here when we need to put some of our sentiment and pride of Baptist principles into something practicable and tangible. It is time we were realizing, that if we expect to take the world for Christ, we must put more brain-power, energy, sacrifice and material substance into our institutions, and fight for every inch of the territory to be possessed. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." All of our Baptist educational schools and colleges ought to be splendidly equipped and handsomely endowed. What we need is more love for and loyalty to Christ and the consecration of the forces with which He blesses us to His service along all evangelical and educational lines.

Let us awake and put on our strength; let us shake ourselves from the dust and loose ourselves from the bonds of our neck. To work and to give, Baptists of Georgia, and the State and the world shall be ours!

We would call special attention to the present movement to raise \$300,000.00 permanent endowment for Mercer University. The General Education Board gives us \$75,000.00, provided we raise \$225,000.00. We are generously allowed five (5) years in which to pay this amount. But the subscriptions must be obtained at once.

We, therefore, recommend that this Association pledge itself to the effort of raising \$1,000.00 for this purpose, and that a committee of five (5) be appointed to press this matter in the churches of the Association in any way they may deem best.

JNO. F. EDEN,

Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee to which were committed the interests and work of the Association in the interim between your last session and this, beg leave to make the following report:

We have had four sessions during the year, two at Arlington and two at Cuthbert. Our first duty was to endeavor to comply with the direction of our body in its last session, viz: to employ a missionary and evangelist for the year. We conferred with Bro. Bennett, Cor. Sec. of the State Board, but were unable to secure a man for the work.

At a meeting, held in Cuthbert during the Sunday School Convention, we employed Bro. J. F. Eden, Jr., then a student in Mercer University to labor in the field for the months of June, July, August and September on a salary of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month and his traveling expenses, provided those expenses did not exceed Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per month. His work was very satisfactory and met with the hearty commendation of Bro. Bennett. We co-operated with the State Board, and, therefore, our employee was recognized as the Board's appointee and he was paid directly by the Board.

We hand you herewith Bro. Eden's report:

Addresses delivered.. .. .	9
Sermons preached.... .	112
Miles traveled..... .	725
Additions by baptism.. .. .	62
Additions by letter and restoration.... .	24
Amount raised for State Missions in cash and pledges.... .	\$119.75

Meetings were held as follows:

Cuba, Early county,	6 days
Rock Hill, Early county,	6 days
Pine View, Early county,	6 days
Milford, Baker county,.....	7 days
Cedar Springs, Beulah church.. . . .	5 days
Salem.... .	8 days
Morgan.....	6 days
Mount Zion.....	5 days
Antioch.. . . .	3 days
Damascus (Kestler).. . . .	7 days

The chairman of our committee received the following amounts from the churches for the work:

Blakely.....	\$ 1.00
Damascus (Early county)	12.65
Edison.....	17.25
Enterprise.....	5.25
Milford.....	12.69
Morris.....	3.00
Mt. Hebron.....	12.50
Pineview.....	12.00
Shiloh.....	6.80
Villulah.. . . .	2.80
Total.. . . .	\$ 85.14

For printing, stationery and postage,.. . . .	\$ 6.58
Check to J. J. Bennett, Cor. Sec.	\$ 78.56
Total.....	\$85.14

By virtue of the power vested in your committee Bro. L. L. Lyon was appointed to fill the vacancy in the treasurer's office caused by the removal of Bro. Childs from the bounds of the Association.

In concluding this report we ask the privilege of submitting two recommendations for the consideration of your body at this session, viz:

That you instruct your next Executive Committee to endeavor to secure a good Missionary-Evangelist to labor within our bounds next year, leaving the amount of his salary and the details of his work at the

discretion of said committee. Also that a fund be raised for the necessary work of the committee in the prosecution of its labors.

That your next Executive Committee be empowered to collect a ministerial fund from the churches, and use such fund to educate young ministers of the churches in our bounds, whenever in the judgment of said committee such young brethren shall prove themselves worthy of help and in need of financial assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. F. EDEN,

N. W. HURST,

W. L. CULBERTSON,

Committee.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

The orphans' home at Hapeville is an institution of Georgia Baptists, and has been owned and supported by them for the past several years. They have no nobler institution—no more effective and emphatic way of expressing their love and obedience to God, than that expressed in the work of this institution.

We find in it the sweetest expression of Christian love—love that believes we should “love our neighbor as ourselves.” There is no tenderer love than that love which takes hold of the helpless babe and child to lead it to strong manhood and womanhood. Like a mother, we press the fatherless and helpless young to our bosoms.

But we sometimes neglect to do our part for the institution. We ought not fail in our church work, to remember that faithful brethren and sisters are looking to God and us for their daily bread, and our love should be a living, active love for them. May God so lead us, and so direct us as that we may never have ears dull to the cries of our orphans.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. LYON, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, your committee on finance, report as follows:

Received for Clerk and Minutes.....	\$ 72.30
State Missions.....	132.12
Home Missions.....	56.50
Foreign Missions.....	119.11
Orphans' Home.....	64.67
Ministerial Relief.....	9.00
Total... ..	<hr/> \$473.42

J. M. TAYLOR,

R. B. MARTIN,

R. D. GAY.

E. W. Childs in Account With Bethel Association.

Nov. 1, 1906, By amt received from finance committee.....	\$995.33
To amount paid Clerk..	\$ 60.76
To amount paid J. J. Bennett..	934.57

E. W. CHILDS, Treasurer.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Woman's Missionary Union met at New Bethel church October 29, 1907. Prayer by Mrs. Mary Gunter. Scripture reading by Mrs. L. P. Taylor. Welcome by Mrs. Lillie Farnum. Response by Mrs. M. S. Watts.

The following order of business was adopted :

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Address of Welcome and Response.
3. Enrollment of Messengers.
4. Reading Minutes of Previous Session.
5. General business.
6. Open Parliament.
7. Report of Association organizer.
8. Reading Minutes of Present Session.

From the twenty organized unions only five sent reports :

Cuthbert.... .	\$230.00
Shellman.... .	36.00
Arlington.....	203.47
Fort Gaines.....	185.33
Blakely.....	184.68
Total State Missions.... .	74.60
Home Missions.....	200.45
Foreign Missions.... .	148.85
General Benevolence.. . . .	320.42
Margaret Home.....	5.00
Mercer University	4.00
Ministerial Education.... .	10.00
Orphan's Home.... .	103.00

Elected Mrs. Julia Hammack Association Organizer.

Appointed Executive Committee, viz: Mesdames M. S. Watts, J. D. Gunn, J. E. Paullin, L. E. Gay.

The following standing committees were appointed:

Associational Missions.....	Mrs. Julia Hammack
State Missions,..	Mrs. M. S. Watts.
Home Missions.....	Mrs. Louis Gay.
Foreign Missions,..	Mrs. N. W. Hurst.
Orphans' Home..	Mrs. T. F. Moody.

Margarette Home.....	Mrs. W. J. Ray
Training School,....	Mrs. J. F. Eden
School in China and Elpaso	Mrs. Lillie Farnum
Literature..	Mrs. W. W. Blinn.
Society Work,	Mrs. L. P. Taylor.
Welcome Address..	Mrs. L. E. Gay.
Response,..	Mrs. Louis Gay.

The President of each Society is requested to raise ten cents per member for Supt. Expenses to Convention, and to send a monthly contribution for expenses of Organizer and Superintendent.

We wish to thank the good people of New Bethel who have given us such a christian welcome. We are indebted to them for many kindnesses and untiring attentions. We also wish to thank Rev. J. E. Briggs for his earnest and helpful talk.

The following sisters were appointed to aid the work in their churches:

Morgan—Mrs. Altha Stuart, Mrs. J. M. Newton.
 Mount Hebron—Mrs Willie Grubbs, Mrs. Rad Fellows.
 Carnegie—Mrs. Bettie Swann, Mrs. Ophelia Castellow.
 Antioch—Mrs. R. W. Beauchamp, Mrs. W. F. Cross.
 Midway—Mrs. Walter Gay, Miss Laura Lokey.
 Friendship—Mrs. John Bynum, Miss Grady Melton.
 New Bethel—Mrs. Ethel Grubbs, Miss Nettie Ferguson.
 Milford—Mrs. Wiley Morris, Mrs. W. W. Kidd.
 New Hope—Mrs. Jesse McLendon, Mrs. Fannie Dykes.
 Edison—Mrs. Henry Turner, Mrs. George Wiggins.
 Fort Gaines—Mrs. J. E. Paullin, Mrs. E. R. Shaw.
 Benevolence—Mrs. P. E. Keese, Mrs. Ed Ward.
 Springvale—Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. George.
 Lebanon—Mrs. J. T. Varner, Mrs. G. V. Pace.
 Shellman—Mrs. W. L. Allen, Mrs. J. H. Manry.
 Salem—Mrs. D. W. Hammack, Mrs. Q. J. Elliott.
 Herod—Mrs. Hass. Mrs. Melton.
 New Hope—Miss Harriett Holley, Miss Laura Lindsey.
 Dover—Mrs. W. H. Grubbs.
 Bethany—Mrs. W. F. Lawrence.
 Colomokee—Mrs. E. S. Collins, Mrs. J. M. Balkcom.
 Rehoboth—Mrs. Henry Trippe.
 Damascus—Mrs. Sandlin, Miss Addie Henier.
 Shellman—Mrs. M. S. Watts, Mrs. Belle Curry.
 Cuthbert—Mrs. Lillie Farnum, Mrs. J. F. Eden.

MRS. L. P. TAYLOR, Supt.

MRS. J. E. PAULLIN, Sec.

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APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This ssociation shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association, through her Executive Committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed, unless suspended for a special object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he deviates from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of three members, chosen from the membership of the church composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work: Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

Article 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

Article 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through faith in the Son of God.

Article 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of

sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

Article 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the Gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Article 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctified and saves sinners.

Article 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by convention in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons.

Article 10. We believe that christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

Article 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

Article 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Form Roll of Messengers.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Adopt Order of Business for Present Session.
4. Hear Applications for Membership.
5. Fix the Hours of Meeting and Adjourning.
6. Appoint Committees to Report at Present Session, viz: (1) On Preaching, (2) on Finance. (3) on Auditing, (4) on Digest of Letters and State of the Churches, (5) on Nominations, (to preach Introductory and Missions Sermons at Next Session, Delegates to the State Convention, Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College, and Executive Committee.)
7. Welcome Correspondents, Agents of Denominational Enterprises, and Visitors.
8. Hear the Report of the Treasurer.
9. Hear Report of the Executive Committee.
10. Hear Report of Board of Trustees of Bethel Male College.
11. Receive Reports of Committees: (1) Missions, (2) Sunday Schools, (3) Temperance, (4) Education. (5) Obituaries, (6) Digest of Letters, State of Churches, (7) Nominations, (8) Finance, (9) Auditing, (10) Orphans' Home, (11) Denominational Literature.
12. Elect Treasurer.
13. Appoint Correspondents.
14. Fix the Time and Place for Holding Next Session.
15. Appoint Committees to Report Next Session: (1) Missions (2) Temperance, (3) Sunday Schools, (4) Education (5) Obituaries, (6) Orphan Home, (7) Denominational Literature.
16. Call for Applications for Dismission.
17. Arrange for Printing Minutes and Clerk's Fee.
18. Miscellaneous Business.

List of Ordained Ministers.

Corley, J. G...	Blakely, Ga.
Crumbley, W. O...	Kestler, Ga.
Culbertson, W. L...	Shellman, Ga.
Cheshire, E. S...	Blakely, Ga.
Dykes, J. E...	Blakely, Ga.
Eden, J. F...	Cuthbert, Ga.
Hammack, W. D.	Coleman, Ga.
Hurst, N. W...	Blakely, Ga.
Hash, A. G...	Fort Gaines, Ga.
Jones, C. E...	Damascus, Ga.
King, J. J...	Blakely, Ga.
Lyon, L. L...	Arlington, Ga.
Martin, John...	Shellman, Ga.
Martin, J. W...	Cuthbert, Ga.
Miller, J. I. D	Arlington, Ga.
Poole, R. C...	Cordela, Ga.
Sauls, J. W.	Shellman, Ga.
Sauls, J. P...	Shellman, Ga.
Sauls, S. J...	Shellman, Ga.
Sullivan, S. F...	Shellman, Ga.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	Superintendents	Postoffice	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled
Arlington	G. W. Harrison	Arlington	8	94
Antioch	W. F. Cross	Morris Station	5	25
Bethany				
Beulah				
Blakely	John Underwood	Blakely	14	109
Bluffton	Ollie Norton	Bluffton	7	43
Carnegie	Wike Ivey	Carnegie	5	50
Coleman	Joe Ray	Coleman		
Colomokee	D. F. Kaigler	Blakely	6	40
Cuthbert	T. F. Moody	Cuthbert	11	136
Damascus, Randolph	E. G. Sandlin	Cuthbert	4	50
Damascus, Early	B. M. George	Kestler	3	85
Dover	S. M. Patrick	Dawson	4	40
Edison	Henry Turner	Edison	7	60
Enterprise	R. G. Smith	Bluffton	3	40
Elim				
Enon	J. L. Balkcom	Georgetown	5	40
Fort Gaines	J. E. Paullin	Fort Gaines	11	110
Friendship	J. H. Manry	Cuthbert	4	
Georgetown	H. M. Kaigler	Georgetown	3	40
Herod	J. H. McLendon	Dawson		
Hilton	C. A. Belisle	Hilton	5	53
Leary	S. L. Dismuke	Leary		
Lebanon	R. J. Grier	Sasser	7	75
Midway				
Milford				
Morgan	J. J. Beck	Morgan'	3	32
Morris	S. L. Boyett	Morris Station		
Mt. Gilead	C. C. Lindsey	Fort Gaines	4	25
Mt. Hebron, Randolph				
Mt. Hebron, Miller	W. B. Moody	Colquitt	3	25
Mt. Vernon				
Mt. Zion				
New Bethel	J. T. Stewart	Morgan	4	25
New Hope	S. A. Lindsey	Blakely	7	70
Pine View	E. D. Hay	Blakely	5	27
Providence				
Rehoboth	J. E. Henier	Shellman	3	48
Salem	D. B. Clements	Edison	4	40
Shellman	W. H. Arnold	Shellman	5	40
Villulah	E. R. Brown	Coleman		
Springvale	J. N. Massee	Springvale	5	40
Shiloh				

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICE	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE	COUNTY	Baptized	Rec. by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Died	Members last report
Arlington	J. A. Ivey, Dawson	W. J. Horsley, Arlington	Calhoun	6	4	4				86
Antioch	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood	W. F. Cross, Morris Sta	Clay	5		1				38
Bluffton	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	Ollie Norton, Bluffton	"			1				
Bethany			Baker							
Beulah	J. E. Dykes, Blakely	J. L. Ricks, Hilton Sta.	Early	4		2				53
Blakely	N. W. Hurst, Blakely	T. S. Woodard, Blakely	"	28	25	21	1	5		190
Carnegie	J. G. Corley, Blakely	Nelson Fellows, Carnegie	randolph	6	7	6				58
Coleman	W. W. Arnold, Richland	W. J. Ray, Coleman	"	10	3	1	3	1		77
Colomokee	J. G. Corley, Blakely	J. C. Balkcom, Blakely	Early	9	1	8	1			110
Cuthbert	J. F. Eden, Cuthbert	I. B. Smith, Cuthbert	Randolph	21	37	14			4	208
Damascus, Early	L. L. Lyon, Arlington	A. A. Hasty, Kestler	Early	3	5	1	8			
Damascus, Rand.	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	J. T. Peak, Cuthbert	Randolph	10	6	13	3			151
Dover	A. B. Hawks, Richland	J. R. Heidt, Dawson	Terrell	13	8	1	9	3		67
Edison	W. W. Arnold, Richland	H. E. Hammock, Edison	Calhoun		9		3			60
Enon		J. F. Castellow, Georgetown	Quitman		2		33			71
Elim	John Martin, Shellman	J. T. Sauls, Shellman	Calhoun		3		10			108
Enterprise	R. C. Pool, Cordele	R. G. Smith, Bluffton	Clay		1	2	3	1	1	80
Fort Gaines	A. G. Hash, Fort Gaines	J. M. Culpepper, Ft. Gaines	"		2		4			184
Friendship	J. G. Corley, Blakely	W. H. Ferguson, Cuthbert	Randolph	3	2	12				98
Georgetown	J. E. White	H. M. Kaigler, Georgetown	Quitman		2		10			66
Herod	L. L. Lyon, Arlington	H. F. Melton, Dawson	Terrell		3		6	1		82
Hilton	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood	C. A. Belisle, Hilton Sta.	Early		1	2	1	4		23
Leary	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman		Calhoun							
Lebanon	"	R. J. Grier, Sasser	Terrell	16	14	1	3		2	60
Midway		M. A. Lokey, Hatcher Sta.	Clay				4			35
Milford	L. L. Lyon, Arlington	J. W. Johnson, Leary	Baker	10	3	2	1		1	26
Morgan	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	C. B. Weaver, Morgan	Calhoun	9	5	1	12		3	134
Morris	W. H. Norton, Ft. Valley	J. W. Cumby, Morris Sta.	Quitman		1	5	2			37
Mt. Gilead	A. C. Wellons, Plains	C. C. Lindsey, Ft. Gaines	Clay	16		1			2	27
Mt. Hebron, Ran.	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	J. W. Fellows, Carnegie	Randolph	5	2	4	10	4	1	110
Mt. Hebron, Miller	W. I. Moody, Boykin	J. W. Batts, Kestler	Miller	13					1	50
Mt. Vernon	J. E. Dykes, Blakely	C. C. Pearce, Ft. Gaines	Clay	8	2		4			52
Mt. Zion	"	C. J. Cox, Ft. Gaines	"	8	3		1		2	36
New Bethel	L. L. Lyon, Arlington	J. H. Manry, Jr., Cuthbert	Randolph	6	1	1	7	1	1	154
New Hope	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	W. A. Lindsey, Blakely	Early	5	2		11	5		156
Pine View	J. E. Dykes, Blakely	J. Q. Scarbrough, Blakely	"	8	6	6	4	2		47
Providence	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood	W. E. Hayes, Blakely	"	6	1				1	68
Rehoboth	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	H. J. Edwards, Shellman	Randolph	8	4		9	5	2	122
Salem	"	S. W. Manry, Edison	Calhoun	18	8	1	3	3	2	219
Shellman	"	R. T. Watson, Shellman	Randolph	17	12		7	1	1	114
Shiloh	J. E. White, Eufaula, Ala	T. R. Smith, Morris Sta.	Clay				1			22
Springvale	J. F. Eden, Cuthbert	T. M. Davis, Springvale	Randolph	1	4		3			28
Villulah	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	B. E. Joiner, Coleman	Randolph	6	3		13			150



STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICE	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE	COUNTY	Baptized	Rec. by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Died	Members last report
Arlington	J. A. Ivey, Dawson	W. J. Horsley, Arlington	Calhoun	6	4		4			86
Antioch	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood	W. F. Cross, Morris Sta.	Clay	5			1			38
Bluffton	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	Ollie Norton, Bluffton	"				1			
Bethany			Baker							
Beulah	J. E. Dykes, Blakely	J. L. Ricks, Hilton Sta.	Early	4			2			53
Blakely	N. W. Hurst, Blakely	T. S. Woodard, Blakely	"	28	25		21	1	5	190
Carnegie	J. G. Corley, Blakely	Nelson Fellows, Carnegie	Randolph	6	7		6			58
Coleman	W. W. Arnold, Richland	W. J. Ray, Coleman	"	10	3	1	3	1		77
Colomokee	J. G. Corley, Blakely	J. C. Balkcom, Blakely	Early	9	1	8	1			110
Cuthbert	J. F. Eden, Cuthbert	J. B. Smith, Cuthbert	Randolph	21	37		14		4	208
Damascus, Early	L. L. Lyon, Arlington	A. A. Hasty, Kestler	Early	3	5	1	8			
Damascus, Rand.	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	J. T. Peak, Cuthbert	Randolph	10	6		13	3		151
Dover	A. B. Hawks, Richland	J. R. Heidt, Dawson	Terrell	13	8	1	9	3		67
Edison	W. W. Arnold, Richland	H. E. Hammock, Edison	Calhoun		9		3			60
Enon		J. F. Castellow, Georgetown	Quitman		2		33			71
Elim	John Martin, Shellman	J. T. Sauls, Shellman	Calhoun		3		10			108
Enterprise	R. C. Pool, Cordele	R. G. Smith, Bluffton	Clay	1	2		3	1	1	80
Fort Gaines	A. G. Hash, Fort Gaines	J. M. Culpepper, Ft. Gaines	"		2		4		4	184
Friendship	J. G. Corley, Blakely	W. H. Ferguson, Cuthbert	Randolph	3	2		12			98
Georgetown	J. E. White	H. M. Kaigler, Georgetown	Quitman	2			10			66
Hered	L. L. Lyon, Arlington	H. F. Melton, Dawson	Terrell		3		6	1		82
Hilton	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood	C. A. Belisle, Hilton Sta.	Early	1	2	1	4			23
Leary	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman		Calhoun							
Lebanon	"	R. J. Grier, Sasser	Terrell	16	14	1	3		2	60
Midway	"	M. A. Lokey, Hatcher Sta.	Clay				4			35
Milford	L. L. Lyon, Arlington	J. W. Johnson, Leary	Baker	10	3	2	1		1	26
Morgan	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	C. B. Weaver, Morgan	Calhoun	9	5	1	12		3	134
Morris	W. H. Norton, Ft. Valley	J. W. Cumby, Morris Sta.	Quitman	1	5		2			37
Mt. Gilead	A. C. Wellons, Plains	C. C. Lindsey, Ft. Gaines	Clay	16		1			2	27
Mt. Hebron, Ran.	W. M. Martin, Cuthbert	J. W. Fellows, Carnegie	Randolph	5	2	4	10	4	1	110
Mt. Hebron, Miller	W. I. Moody, Boykin	J. W. Batts, Kestler	Miller	13				1		50
Mt. Vernon	J. E. Dykes, Blakely	C. C. Pearce, Ft. Gaines	Clay	8	2		4			52
Mt. Zion	"	C. J. Cox, Ft. Gaines	"	8	3		1		2	36
New Bethel	L. L. Lyon, Arlington	J. H. Manry, Jr., Cuthbert	Randolph	6	1	1	7	1	1	154
New Hope	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	W. A. Lindsey, Blakely	Early	5	2		11	5		156
Pine View	J. E. Dykes, Blakely	J. Q. Scarbrough, Blakely	"	8	6	6	4	2		47
Providence	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood	W. E. Hayes, Blakely	"	6	1				1	68
Rehoboth	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	H. J. Edwards, Shellman	Randolph	8	4		9	5	2	122
Salem	"	S. W. Manry, Edison	Calhoun	18	8	1	3	3	2	219
Shellman	"	R. T. Watson, Shellman	Randolph	17	12		7	1	1	114
Shiloh	J. E. White, Eufaula, Ala	T. R. Smith, Morris Sta.	Clay							22
Springvale	J. F. Eden, Cuthbert	T. M. Davis, Springvale	Randolph	1	4		3			28
Villulah	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	B. E. Joiner, Coleman	Randolph	6	3		13			150

FINANCIAL TABLE OF C

CHURCHES	Expenses of Association	State Missions				Home Missions				Foreign Missions				Ministerial Relief Fund				Ministerial Education				Orphans' Home				Schools and Colleges		
		Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash
Arlington	\$ 2 95	\$53 25																			\$40 00							
Antioch	1 00			9 05																								
Bluffton	2 50			3 00				10 00				10 00						5 00						14 07				
Bethany	50											2 00											5 00					
Beulah	1 00	11 00		5 00																								
Blakely	2 50	344 30				65 00				65 00												65 00						
Carnegie	2 00	12 00				12 00				12 00																		
Coleman	3 00					62 25				52 45												45 00				13 00		
Colomokee	2 00	14 13				14 13				14 14																		
Cuthbert	3 50	176 72				69 95				342 28				27 00								1 00						
Damascus, Early	1 60	11 30				2 23				13 06																		
Damascus, Randolph	2 00	10 00		31 26																								
Dover	2 00			7 85																						9 00		
Edison	3 00	50 00				55 70								3 00									17 50				10	
Elim	1 50	8 00				9 00																8 00						
Enon	1 00					5 00																5 30						
Enterprise	1 00	12 35				6 60				10 20												3 85						
Fort Gaines	2 00	97 10				144 95				117 80				7 99			25 00					76 75						
Friendship	1 50	10 00				10 00				41 10												15 00						
Georgetown	1 00	9 00				9 25				9 00												5 00						
Herod	1 50	7 00				11 00				10 00												12 85		2 85				
Hilton	50	4 40				50																						
Leary	2 00																											
Lebanon	2 00	18 50				16 50				97 26												2 00						
Midway	50			32 50																					8 00			
Milford	2 50	12 69		2 31				3 75																				
Morgan	1 50	15 25				23 25																						
Morris	1 25	8 70				11 36				11 75				4 00			3 00					4 00						
Mt. Gilead	1 00	5 35		10 00																								
Mt. Hebron, Randolph	2 00	12 50				8 50				8 50				5 00								5 00						
Mt. Hebron, Miller	50			50		3 00				6 00												3 00						
Mt. Vernon	1 00	4 50				3 00				3 00																		
Mt. Zion	1 00			11 45																					7 00			
New Bethel	2 00	58 96																										
New Hope	2 50			10 00				5 00				5 00				6 10						5 00		5 00				
Pine View	1 40	4 50				4 50		3 00				3 00										3 50		4 00				
Providence	1 00			15 00												3 22												
Rehoboth	2 00			14 07				10 63		10 78															10 62			
Salem	4 00	100 00				50 00				40 00		19 55		10 00								25 00						
Shellman	2 50	60 29				59 30				76 81							10 00					6 45						
Shiloh	50	9 25		9 25																								
Springvale	1 50	17 93				5 05				5 91												2 00						
Villulah	2 50	2 85				10 00				10 00				8 00								10 00						

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January—Ministerial Education.

February—Missions, Home and Foreign.

March—Missions, Home and Foreign.

April—Schools and Colleges.

May—Missions (any kind).

June—Missions (any kind).

July—Ministerial Relief.

August—Missions (any kind).

September—State Missions

October—Orphans' Home.

November—Missions (Frontier).

December—Missions.

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Send collections for printing minutes and paying clerk to the association by your messengers.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Address of welcome and response.
3. Fix hours for meeting and adjourning.
4. Enrollment of messengers with amounts sent up.
5. Adopt order of business for this session.
6. Reports of Supt., Ex.-Com., and Associational Mis.
7. Reports from our standing committees.
8. Reports from our Young People and Sunbeam Bands.
9. Financial Reports.
10. Read and adopt minutes of present session.
11. General business.
12. Appoint Com. to nominate Supt., Ex. Com., Associational Mis., and Secretary.
13. Reports from standing committees.
14. Appoint correspondents.
15. Fix time and place for holding next session.
16. Miscellaneous business.
17. Report from the sisters who are appointed to aid in their churches.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Morning.

- 10 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
- 11 A. M.—Introductory Sermon.

Tuesday Afternoon.

- 1. Former moderator calls association to order.
- 2. Devotional exercises.
- 3. Call Roll of Messengers.
- 4. Elect moderator and clerk.
- 5. Adopt order of business.
- 6. Hear applications for membership.
- 7. Fix hours of meeting and adjournment.
- 8. Call for correspondents and visitors.
- 9. Appoint the following committees: On Preaching, on Finance, on Digest of Letters, on Nominations.
- 10. Miscellaneous business.

Wednesday Morning.

- 1. Devotional exercises.
- 2. Call for correspondents and visitors.
- 3. Report of Treasurer.
- 4. Elect Treasurer.
- 5. Report of Executive Committee.
- 6. Report on digest of letters and state of churches.
- 7. Report of Trustees of Bethel College.
- 8. Report on Education.
- 9. Adjourn for preaching.

Wednesday Afternoon.

- 1. Report of Auditing Committee.
- 2. Report on Orphans' Home.
- 3. Report on Missions.
- 4. Report of Com. on Nominations.
- 5. Report on Temperance.
- 6. Report on Obituaries.
- 7. Adjournment.

Thursday Morning.

- 1. Devotional exercises.
- 2. Report on Denominational Literature.

3. Report on Woman's Work.
4. Report on Sunday-schools.
5. Fix time and place for holding next session.
6. Appoint the following standing committees: On Home Missions, State Missions and Foreign Missions, on Sunday-schools, on Temperance, on Orphans' Home, on Education, on Denominational Literature, on Ministerial Relief, on Woman's Work.
7. Report of Finance Committee.
8. Arrange for printing minutes and paying clerk.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Adjournment.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Arlington—Rev. L. L. Lyon, G. W. Harrison, T. G. Avery, J. M. Johnson.

Antioch—J. O. Griffith, W. F. Cross.

Bluffton—J. B. Parker, A. D. Ingram, W. F. Davis.

Bethany—W. A. White.

Beulah—J. L. Rix, J. M. Lane, J. C. Hudspeth.

Blakely—C. M. Murchison, W. W. Flemming, B. R. Collins, J. H. Coachman, W. Z. T. Bridges.

Carnegie—O. H. Sanders, R. G. Hammack, Stout Page.

Coleman—I. P. Rhodes, W. T. Rogers, D. W. Hammack, W. H. Joiner.

Colomokee—T. F. Cordrey, E. S. Collins, W. H. Balkcom, Rev. J. G. Corley.

Cuthbert—Rev. Jno. F. Eden, B. W. Ellis, T. F. Moody, T. Moody, Jr., Lewis R. Eden.

Damascus—Early—Grady George.

Damascus—Randolph—J. T. Peak, Wm. Ford, C. D. Peak, T. J. Mabry, C. H. Peak.

Dover—J. R. Heidt, J. T. Woods.

Edison—A. L. Miller.

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Elim—W. H. Johnson, T. J. Beard, R. E. McDaniel.

Enterprise—A. K. Smith, C. B. McKinnon, A. H. Richardson.

Ft. Gaines—B. F. Grimsley, Rev. A. G. Hash, J. W. Donnelly, L. A. Duke.

Friendship—T. T. Trippe, B. W. Bone, W. H. Osteen, M. W. Osteen.

Georgetown—

Herod—W. C. Horsley, H. F. Melton.

Hilton—O. E. Hall, C. A. Belisle.

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Lebanon—J. F. Brimm.

Midway—B. F. Lokey.

Millford—W. Z. Rooks, G. R. Morris.

Morgan—J. M. Newton, C. B. Weaver, O. M. Moore.

Morris—R. A. J. Boyette, R. H. Wilson.

Mt. Gilead—J. B. Goodman, R. L. Shaw, Andrew Hartley.

Mt. Hebron—Rev. J. W. Martin, T. A. Fellows, J. A. Dawson, J. B. Watson.

Mt. Vernon—A. C. Sutton, B. F. Pearce, G. W. Watson.

Mt. Zion—R. B. Gentry, J. R. Askew.

New Bethel—D. R. Stewart, J. T. Stewart, M. C. Ingram, Arthur Green.

New Hope—Rev. E. S. Cheshire, J. H. Watson, S. A. Lindsey.

Pine View—J. Q. Scarbrough, A. S. Money, W. E. Weatherby.

Providence—H. J. Hays, W. E. Hayes, D. B. Jernigan.

Pretoria—Rev. J. I. D. Miller.

Rehoboth—G. P. Hart, H. J. Edwards.

Salem—T. O. Lawrence, W. E. Tanner, S. W. Manry, M. L. Holloway.

Shellman—Rev. John Martin, J. B. Payne.



PROCEEDINGS

Of the Seventy-Sixth Session of the Bethel Baptist Association

Blakely, Ga., Oct. 27, 1908.

The Seventy-sixth session of Bethel Association was called to order by Rev. Jno. F. Eden, moderator, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. L. Crumbley.

11 A. M. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. John Martin, text: Romans 48:14, "This God is our God, and shall be forever and ever, and will be our God even unto death.

Tuesday Evening.

Called roll of messengers.

Permanent organization was effected by the re-election of Rev. Jno. F. Eden and E. S. Collins, former moderator and clerk.

Adopted order of business offered by L. L. Lyon.

Pretoria Baptist church, of Dougherty county, applied for membership in the association; referred to Committee on Credentials: L. L. Lyon, W. Z. T. Bridges and E. S. Cheshire.

Hours of meeting and adjournment: Meet at 9 A. M.; adjourn at 10:45. Meet at 2 P. M.; adjourn at will.

Moderator recognized Rev. E. T. Dawson as correspondent from Bowen Association; Revs. J. A. Ivey, A. C. Wellons. N. B. O'Kelley and R. A. Morgan from Friendship Association, and Rev. H. L. Crumbley from Summerhill.

The following visitors were recognized: J. I. D. Miller, J. J. Bennett, representing the cause of missions, and B. J. W. Graham, representing The Index.

The Committee on Credentials recommended that Pretoria Baptist church be received as a member of this association. This report was adopted without discussion.

The following committees were appointed:

On Nominations: W. T. Rogers, D. R. Stuart, J. N. Massee, H. F. Melton, and J. M. Newton.

On Finance—A. L. Miller, D. W. Hammack and T. F. Cordrey.

On Digest of Letters: B. W. Ellis, W. W. Manry, A. S. Money, J. B. Parker, and C. B. McKinnon.

The resolution touching the Constitution, offered by N. W. Hurst at last session, and the Executive Committee is thereby increased from three to five.

Bro. B. J. W. Graham made a strong plea for the Index.

Dr. J. J. Bennett made an interesting talk on missions in general, and State Missions in particular.

Wednesday Morning.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. F. H. Poston. Read and adopted minutes of Tuesday's session.

Bro. D. W. Hammack was excused from serving on Finance Committee, and J. M. Newton was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Appointed the following committee on Woman's Work, to report at this session: L. L. Lyon, H. J. Hayes, T. O. Lawrence, T. T. Trippe, and R. A. J. Boyette.

Treasurer's report was read and referred to the auditor, Bro. A. C. Sutton.

Bro. L. L. Lyon was re-elected treasurer by acclamation.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. Albert G. Hash and was adopted together with the recommendations therein contained.

The report of the trustees of Bethel College was read and adopted and the trustees were authorized to sell the property for \$4,500.00 at five per cent.

The report on education was read by Bro. A. G. Hash. Pending discussion of the report, the time for adjournment having arrived, the matter was postponed till the afternoon session.

11 A. M. The missionary sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Hash, Text, 1st Peter 4:10.

Took up collection for State Missions, amounting to \$31.56.

Wednesday Evening.

Opened with prayer, led by Rev. E. S. Cheshire.

President O. A. Thaxton, of Norman Institute, made an interesting talk for that school and tendered one-fifth interest in the institution to Bethel Association. This offer was

accepted and the following trustees were appointed: L. L. Lyon, three years; T. F. Moody, for two years, and Jno. L. Underwood for one year.

Rev. J. R. Jester, representing the Baptist Educational Board, made a strong plea for Christian education.

Heard report of Committee on Digest of letters, which was spoken to by B. W. Ellis and B. J. W. Graham and adopted as read.

Heard report on missions, which was adopted.

Report on orphanage was read by Rev. L. L. Lyon, and after discussion by Rev. B. J. W. Graham, A. G. Hash and A. C. Wellons, was adopted. Took a collection for Orphanage, which amounted to \$24.25 in cash and about \$45.00 in pledges.

Heard and adopted report of Committee on Nominations.

Introductory sermon, J. G. Corley, J. L. Culberts, alternate. Missionary sermon, C. M. Murchison, J. E. Dykes, alternate.

Delegates to State Convention, J. F. Eden, D. S. Denard, C. M. Murchison, J. W. Martin, A. G. Hash, Henry Turner, O. H. Jordan, J. I. D. Miller, J. W. Sauls.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, A. G. Hash, J. F. Eden, alternate.

Board of Trustees Bethel College, J. W. Stanford, J. W. Martin, W. W. Binion, J. E. Paullin, B. W. Ellis, T. F. Moody, J. F. Eden, R. D. Gay, J. H. Manry, D. R. Stewart.

Executive Committee, J. F. Eden, A. G. Hash, L. L. Lyon, L. A. Duggan, D. W. Hammack.

W. T. ROGERS, Chairman.

Thursday Morning.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. W. Z. Bridges.

Read and adopted minutes of Wednesday's session.

Heard report on obituaries, which was adopted.

Heard report on denominational literature. Discussed by Rev. C. M. Murchison, and then adopted.

Heard report on Temperance, which was discussed by Rev. John Martin and J. M. Newton, and then adopted as read.

Heard report on Woman's Work, which was interestingly discussed by Rev. L. L. Lyon, Rev. C. M. Murchison and Rev. A. G. Hash. The report was adopted. The time and place for holding next session was fixed for Tuesday

after the fourth Sunday in October, 1909, at Morgan, Calhoun County, Ga.

The sum of twenty-five dollars was appropriated to pay clerk, with instructions to have as many minutes published as the funds would allow.

Heard and adopted report of Finance Committee.

A resolution empowering the Executive Committee to raise funds for education of young ministers was passed.

Any brethren attending sister associations are authorized to present themselves as correspondents from this association.

Sung "Amazing Grace," and adjourned sine die.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—D. W. Hammack, chairman, W. H. Johnson, B. F. Lokey, W. Z. Rooks, C. B. Weaver.

State Missions—J. W. Martin, chairman, A. C. Sutton, J. F. Stewart, S. A. Lindsey, G. P. Hart.

Foreign Missions—A. G. Hash, chairman, A. D. Ingram, G. W. Harrison, J. M. Balkcom, J. Q. Scarbrough, T. J. Mabry.

Sunday Schools—B. W. Ellis, chairman, S. W. Manry, Wm. Ford, R. G. Hammack, J. O. Griffith, J. R. Heidt.

Temperance—J. N. Massee, chairman, R. H. Wilson, J. B. Payne, J. S. Davis, P. E. Pearce, R. L. Shaw.

Orphans' Home—J. G. Corley, chairman, T. A. Fellows, R. B. Gentry, W. W. Flemming.

Education—B. R. Collins, chairman, T. F. Cordrey, J. M. Johnson, M. C. Ingram, H. J. Edwards.

Denominational Literature—A. L. Miller, chairman, W. H. Joiner, W. F. Davis, J. T. Peak, J. T. Woods.

Ministerial Relief—E. S. Cheshire, chairman, W. C. Horsley, O. E. Hall, J. F. Brinn, A. K. Smith, J. H. Coachman.

Woman's Work—C. M. Murchison, chairman, O. M. Moore, R. E. McDaniel, J. L. Rix, I. P. Rhodes, Lewis R. Eder.

REPORTS

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee, make the following report:

1st. What is Missions?

It is preaching or teaching the gospel to the children of men. It matters not where they are found, in this association or in other parts of the world. Again, it matters not how it is done, whether from the pulpit or in the Sunday-school room or from the press or in the home, by a good, consecrated life.

The need of missions arises from the fact that man is an intelligent being and is under law, and has violated that law and made himself a sinner and is as the Bible describes him without God and without hope in the world. He can't save himself. He can't be saved only by the gospel of Christ. Salvation comes by faith and faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

Why should we be missionaries? Because our Lord and Master commands us to "go." Because Jesus was, and if we want to be like Him up yonder we must begin here. Because the apostles were. Because the Bible is a missionary book. Because it is the spirit of Christianity. No one can be a Christian without being a missionary at heart. Because it has done so much for us. It has given us a great and free government,—it saved our fathers and mothers, it has saved us, it will save our children, and as many as the Lord our God shall call. When should we be about our Father's business? Now,—today is the day—everyday, till God shall call us up higher. As an encouragement—remember that Christ died for our sins and for the sins of others.

J. G. CORLEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BETHEL COLLEGE.

We respectfully report that the College Building is in good condition and well insured. It is being used by the public school of Cuthbert, over which we have no control; but it is paying enough rental to cover the insurance and repairs on the building.

It seems that the Association can not maintain a school or college, and we deem it advisable to sell the property to the best advantage.

The city of Cuthbert has made an offer to purchase the property for which they agree to pay forty-five hundred dollars in five annual payments of nine hundred dollars, with interest at 5% until paid. We have thoroughly considered this proposition, and think it a fair price for the property. Therefore, with the light before us, we recommend that the trade be consummated at the price and on the terms named, and that the President and Secretary of the Board be instructed and empowered to make the deal making the proper transfer and taking the necessary papers.

J. W. STANFORD, President.

B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee on Woman's Work beg leave to submit the following report:

The work has been organized in Georgia for about 30 years. It has not received the encouragement it ought to have had, and is not now receiving the encouragement it ought to have from its confederates, the men's organizations. The work is organized in about one-fourth of the churches in the State. Out of the seventy-eight associations in the State, sixty of them have Unions. It is organized in societies in the churches, into unions in the associations and into the Woman's Missionary Union, covering the State, and each of the ladies have officers similar to the men's work in the churches, which relates the church, association and convention, and their societies and unions are auxiliary to the church, association and convention.

Of the \$200,000 given last year to the benevolences fostered by the Georgia Baptists, the women gave about one-sixth of it, or \$32,500. This year, they make it their purpose to raise \$40,000, and for the first six months over half of the amount had been received. The women of Georgia are maintaining Bro. Buchholz, one of our State Evangelists; Miss Perry as missionary on the frontier, in Oklahoma, and Dr. Ayers on the foreign fields.

The women of the Southern Baptist Convention are doing the following special work, to-wit: They are maintaining Margaret Home, the Home for the Orphans of the Missionaries, the Training School for women at Louisville, and the Tichenor Memorial Fund for building churches on the frontier and in destitute places.

God bless the noble women! They need our prayers, our help, our sympathy and our encouragement. They can not do the work without the help of the pastors. We, therefore, urge that our pastors inform themselves in the work so that they can help them.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. LYON, •
H. J. HAYES,
T. O. LAWRENCE,
T. T. TRIPPE,
R. A. J. BOYETT,

Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We notice, by reference to the minutes of the last Association, that out of the 43 churches there appear to be 33 which have regularly elected Superintendents of Sunday Schools, but notwithstanding this number of Superintendents there appear to be only 27 churches having an enrollment of pupils from which we gather that there are only this number to-wit: 27, having Sunday Schools. This is an improvement of the past year, but a small one, as appears from the report

of the last committee on Sunday Schools, there appearing to have been 25 Sunday Schools in the Association from that report. We trust that the reports from the various churches at this Association will show a much greater increase and progress. We cannot stress too strongly the importance of Sunday School work in connection with the church welfare. We think it is a question which should be discussed fully and freely at the Associations and let there be an endeavor to stimulate those attending that they may return to their churches with more zeal for this kind of work.

We know of no better recommendations to make than that embodied in the report of the last committee on Sunday Schools. We trust that a Sunday School Convention will be held regularly annually hereafter, and in this way stimulate interest in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. SMITH, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

"Be temperate in all things" is a command of God and no virtue lends greater benefit by practice than does this one. It links our efforts with Him to secure the promise of a long and happy life. Nothing so enlarges and strengthens our faculties of both mind and body as living a temperate life. It is one of the fundamental principles laid down for our practice in order to be Christ-like.

Your committee finds much for Baptists to be thankful for, in noting a very marked improvement in the tendency of Christians towards the advocacy of Temperance. Step by step they have finally driven a giant evil, the whiskey traffic, out of the State, but as it still lingers in the dark places of our towns and country, a vigilant effort is essential to maintain a minimum if not final riddance of this evil. Our venerable brother, Rev. John Martin, has been a great force in combatting this great evil and we rejoice to know that he has lived to see it forced out of the privileges of law in doing its deadly work. We trust that the time is near at hand when aspirants for office who favor a renewal of its traffic or who are at all compromising, will have no show whatever at elections.

Respectfully submitted,

DAN W. HAMMACK,

J. M. NEWTON,

Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There has been no time in recent years when a greater interest has been manifested in the cause of education in general than now, and at no time have the several evangelical churches manifested a greater interest in the success of their schools, whether established for their sons or daughters. This interest is not only producing larger donations to existing schools, but manifests itself in provisions for new in-

stitutions, with greater facilities and larger scope. In this cause our great Baptist denomination is at the forefront. We believe that religious training of the young should not be neglected, therefore prefer to place around the education of our sons and daughters the sacred environment of the church and to give to the curriculum of instruction a religious phase and color that is not possible in a State school or institution. We do not deny that there may be some religious influence exerted by the professors in our State institutions, and there may be some religious instruction of a limited nature, although in the nature of things, this must be limited, irregular, subsidiary and subordinate to the school of secular education.

If the chief end of a man be to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever, surely it must be an important part in a young man's education to teach him all that can be learned concerning the revelation of God to man,—what man should believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man—to the end that there may be development not only of the mental and the physical nature, but of the moral and religious as well; because observation and experience teach that only by the development of the three-fold nature of man that the highest type of genuine manhood can be produced.

If the best thing that can happen to any young man is the adaptation of the individual to the purpose of God, for his life, then surely no apology is needed for the position that young persons at a formative and impressionable period of their lives should be surrounded by proper religious influences.

Everything in the Christian school points to the students approaching the ideal of the divine man. Here we see the highest of the three ends to be obtained in an education, utility, culture, and the divine image—the so-called practical school stands for the first, the secular school stands for the second, they develop the powers of man so that he may be a more potent and effective agent in securing the good things of the world for his own personal gratification. He is exalted that he may look down upon others and make them serve him. The Christian school stands for the Divine image, it stands for nothing short of a complete development of man's moral and spiritual attributes.

Today as perhaps never before, society faces knotty problems that need to be solved in the interests of humanity and truth. It is the ideal of Christian education to develop clear minds and strong personalities, which shall be able to do a manly and effective part in serving humanity's deeper interests—and the Christian college has discovered that the men who with trained minds can do this, are those who have learned the truths men have taught, but still more the truth which is in Him who has given the world its only effective solvent of a self-centered life, and taught each man that he is his brother's keeper.

Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention our Baptist's hosts

are engaged in a great educational campaign. Are rejoicing over attaining the \$300.000 endowment fund.

Georgia Baptists have been the advocates of education from the earliest times, and now a vital and significant fact; the rate of growth of the sentiment in favor of higher education among our people is nothing short of marvelous. Our people seem to realize as never before this pregnant truth, that no denomination has ever reached great strength and fulfilled its highest mission apart from the support of a strong denominational college. We have Mercer University, for young men, Bessie Tift, and Shorter Colleges for young women, and a number of high schools under one correlated system, known as the "Mercer system." These schools are ours. They, along with the Seminary, have claim upon the gifts of us as Baptists. All of them need help in meeting their current support. In order to do this the Convention's Co-operative Committee have suggested that we raise this year \$491.00 as again \$66.00 last year; or one and one-third cents per member. How does this speak for old Bethel? President Jameson writes that the Ministerial Board at Mercer owes a debt of \$900 brought over from the past year, and \$520.00 at the Seminary.

In view of the fact that those called to the ministry are for the most part financially unable to educate themselves without some aid, and in view of a more pressing need of a competent and educated ministry today, and in view of the importance of the "Mercer system" of schools, your committee recommend the following:

1st. That each church be urged to contribute liberally to each fund for the current support of "schools and colleges" and "ministerial education."

2nd. That we commend our Baptist schools as worthy the patronage interest and prayers of our Baptist people.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT G. HASH, Chairman,
ROSS L. SHAW,
T. R. SMITH,
W. J. KERNS,

Committee.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee on Orphans' Home beg leave to submit the following, viz: The number of children received in the past year was 67; and while 42 have been sent out during the last twelve months, there are in the home at this time 171. 140 of the above number are in school. There has been one death since our last report. We, therefore, feel that our hearts should go out in humble gratitude to our Heavenly Father for this token of His special providence.

The amount necessary to defray all expenses is about \$1,250 per month; the amount necessary to meet the board bill alone is about \$7.00 per capita per month. Only about half of the above has been

received, hence the institution is now in debt for provisions already used, and it is at the present time in pressing need of beef, pork, bacon, and lard, syrup, meal, flour. They need also clothing, for the

The Home will assign a child and send lists of needs to any church, Sunday School, society, or individual that will write for it children, pillows, bed clothing, towels, etc.

The Helper is an eight-page paper published by the Home monthly at 50c. per annum, will give all necessary information and we most earnestly commend it to the churches.

Pure and undefiled religion is this: To visit the fatherless and the widow in their afflictions, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. STUART Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$ 65.75
Home Missions	70.58
State Missions	101.48
Associational Missions	16.50
Orphanage	117.43
Ministerial Relief	8.42
Ministerial Education25
Colleges and Schools50
Minutes and Clerk	72.25
Other Objects	9.25
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	\$432.56

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. MILLER, Chairman.

T. F. CORDRAY.

J. M. NEWTON.

L. L. Lyon, in account with The Executive Committee, Bethel Association:

To amounts received for aiding young ministers—specially for Bro. DeVane, Supt. in school at Blakely, as follows:

From Salem Church	\$ 9.00
From Colomokee Church	10.00
From Vilula Church	3.00
From Mt. Hebron Church	3.00
From Lebanon Church	5.00
From Friendship Church	5.00
From New Bethel Church	6.00
From Dover Church	3.00
From Herod Church	5.00

From Ft. Gaines Church.....	15.00
From Shiloh Church	2.00
From Enterprise Church70
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Total amount received	\$66.70
By amount paid Carl DeVane, \$66.70.	

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. LYON, Treasurer.

L. L. Lyon in account with Bethel Association:

Oct. 30, '07, to amt. received from Financial Com.....	\$516.74
To Amt. collection for Orphans' Home.....	31.83
To Amt. Georgetown Church	33.25
To Amt. Hatcher Station Church	1.00
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Total Received	\$582.82
By Amt. paid Clerk	\$ 74.30
By Amt. paid J. J. Bennett	433.93
By Amt. paid J. J. Bennett	64.08
By Amt. Error in Amt Rec'd from Finance Com.....	1.51
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Total Amount paid out	\$573.82

To Bal. being received as Asso. Funds	\$ 9.00
To Amt. received of Midway Ch. for Bro. J. F. Eden, Jr.	5.00
To Amt. received of Shellman Ch. for Bro. J. F. Eden, Jr.....	10.00
To Amt. received of Milford Ch. for Bro. J. F. Eden, Jr.	5.00
To Amt. received of Cuthbert Ch. for Bro. J. F. Eden, Jr.	25.00
To Amt. received of Kestler Ch. for Bro. J. F. Eden, Jr.	5.00
To Amt. received of Edison Ch. for Bro. J. F. Eden, Jr.	5.00
Tt Amt. received of Morgan Ch. for Bro. J. F. Eden, Jr.....	5.00
To Amt. received of Ft. Gaines Ch. for Bro. J. F. Eden, Jr.	15.00
Tt. Amt. received of Buelah Ch. for Bro. J. F. Eden, Jr.....	15.00
To Amt. received of New Bethel Ch. for Bro. J. F. Eden, Jr. ...	5.00
By Amt. paid Bro Fred Eden	\$85.00
By Amt. paid for printing circular letters	1.25
By Amt. paid for printing circular letters	1.46
By Amt. paid for postage sending schedules	2.00
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	89.71
Balance on hand	\$ 4.89

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. LYON, Treasurer.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

The Seer declared centuries ago that "of the making of books there is no end." John told us that the world could not contain the books concerning the Christ's life, should it all be written. "Books of remembrance" were written lest the people should forget, says Malachi. Since the invention of the printing press books have rapidly increased in number. Sometimes it appears as if the world will not be able to contain them—because of both number and supriousness of contents. Papers and pamphlets and sheets, big and little, are thrust upon us whether we will or no—without money or price. As a people, with a particular mission and message, it behooves us to have a care as to the character of literature that comes into our homes and institutions of all characters. We have no need to knock at the door of others now, as we once did, for we can keep house ourselves, as the need of the wholesome literature faces us.

We have our own publishing houses; our own authors, and our own books and journals, papers, magazines, tracts, etc., etc. "Why should we not do well and prosper?"

Information is inspiration to the mind and spirit of man. Knowledge is the foundation of intelligent service. Therefore, seek knowledge and its dissemination among the people.

The Baptists of all people in the world have the most to gain from knowledge and wisdom, and the most to lose from ignorance and narrowness.

The men who know and can establish their learning and scholarship on the ones who have even laid foundations and established institutions which live with blessings to distribute to each succeeding generation.

Our own State paper needs only for us to mention its name—"Christian Index"—and its worth is manifest.

"The Baptist World," a new venture, with a wonderful mission, is a few months old, but has already demonstrated its worth.

We need just mention the publications of our three Boards; S. School, Home Mission, and Foreign Mission, and there is before you a grand feast of rich things. Some books of recent date must have mention here as coming from the brains of the great men among us: Dr. Frost's "The Moral Dignity of Baptism," "The Memorial Supper." Dr. Mullen's "The Axioms of Religion." "Why Christianity is True; Dr. Robertson's "Epochs in The Life of Jesus; Dargan's "Principals of Faith." These mentioned are just a few, both of books and periodicals.

J. D. HOLLOWAY, Chairman.

C. M. MURCHISON.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the past year, thirty-seven of our brothers and sisters have fallen asleep. And as we bow in humble submission to our Father's will, "for each other flows the sympathizing tear."

We sorrow as we walk alone, but we sorrow not, "can as others which have no hope," for as "Jesus died and rose again," God will bring all of His children with Him from their sleep in the grave, and we will all be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; "and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Wherefore, we take comfort.

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. LYON, Chairman
H. F. MELTON.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

We have held during the year four meetings of the committee. At our first meeting, which was held at the close of the Association last year, Brother Carl DeVane, of the Colomokee church, was recommended by Brother N. W. Hurst, Chairman of the committee, as a beneficiary of a Ministerial Educational Fund, to be raised by an appeal to the churches of the Association. After having been further recommended by the messengers of the Colomokee church, Brother DeVane was received as the beneficiary of this fund and placed in school at Blakely Ga. An appeal was made to the churches and as a result \$66.20 was received and paid out in defraying the expenses of Brother DeVane.

By virtue of the power vested in committee, Bro. J. F. Eden was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. W. W. Hurst and his removal from the bounds of the Association.

At our next meeting, held in Cuthbert, on Feb. 25th, an agreement was made with Rev. J. M. Waller, representing the State Board, that the Board co-operate with us in employing an associational missionary. Brother J. F. Eden, Jr., was employed to labor in the bounds of the Association during the summer months. His salary was fixed at \$75.00 per month and traveling expenses. His work attracted the attention of the State Board, and met with the approval of the committee. His salary was paid direct from the State Board, per agreement with the Board, to Brother Waller. We submit Bro. Eden's report:

Sermons preached 109; addresses 5; homes visited 714; miles traveled 534; expenses \$12.20; protracted meetings held 10; baptisms 84; received by letter 14; tracts distributed 1,600; religious papers distributed 150; subscriptions taken for the Foreign Mission Journal 50; subscriptions taken for the Christian Index 2; subscriptions taken for the Home Field 33.

Received for State Missions and the Home Mission tract fund the following amounts:

	S. Mis.	Tract Fund.
Leary Church	\$ 17.75	\$.75
Damascus Church	14.50	.27
Enterprise Church	12.86	1.42
Bethany Church	20.00	1.60
Milford Church	7.25	.52
Vilulah Church	7.25	.52
Dover Church	10.35	1.50
Shiloh Church	12.65	1.20
Mount Zion	4.70
Spring Vale Church	15.75
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	\$127.81	\$7.26

"In most of the meetings held the pastors did part of the preaching, and much effectual personal work. Among the number were pastors Culbertson, Lyon, Pool, Moody, Martin, Hawks, Norton and Eden. And this year, as with last year, much of the credit (so far as human instruments are concerned), is due to the pastors."

The State Convention, through your Executive Committee, appealed to our Association for a definite sum of money, for benevolent, educational and missionary enterprises as fostered by the Convention. That sum for the present year amounted to \$5,672.00, that being about \$1.60 per member.

Your committee divided the amount among the various boards, according to their estimated needs, and then divided these sums, among all of our churches, as was seen in the apportionment letter, sent to the clerks. Along with this exhibit of appeal we sent a "Schedule for Baptists" as gotten out by the Co-operative Committee of the State Convention. In this way we hoped to reach every member; and every Baptist should be reached. In view of the fact that this plan of systematic work has proved somewhat successful and met with the approval of the churches, and in view of the fact that your Executive Committee has already received an appeal for a certain amount for the year before us—that amount being \$2,700, which is about 77 cents per member; divided among the various objects according to their estimated needs, we have the following:

State Missions. Foreign Missions. Home Missions. Orphans' Home. Ministerial Relief. Ministerial Education.

This divided among our churches presents to each church the following:

Bethel As. .	\$675.00	\$540.00	\$945.00	\$ 81.00	\$216.00	\$242.00	\$ 81.00	\$2,700
Arlington ..	17.71	14.17	24.79	2.12	5.66	4.25	2.12	70.84
Antioch	8.08	6.45	11.31	.97	2.58	1.94	.97	32.34
Bluffton	8.08	6.46	11.31	.97	2.58	1.94	.97	32.34
Bethel	3.85	3.08	5.39	.46	1.23	.92	.46	15.40
Bethany	9.62	7.70	13.47	1.15	3.08	2.30	1.15	38.50
Beulah	10.58	8.47	14.82	.27	3.08	2.54	1.27	42.35
Blakely	41.58	33.26	58.21	4.98	10.66	9.96	4.98	166.32
Carnegie ...	12.51	10.00	17.51	1.50	4.00	3.00	1.50	50.05
Colomokee ..	1.37	7.19	29.91	.56	6.83	5.12	2.50	85.47
Coleman ..	16.55	13.24	23.17	1.98	5.29	3.96	1.98	60.22
Damascus(E)	7.70	6.16	10.78	.92	2.46	.84	.92	30.80
Damascus(R)	29.06	23.25	40.69	3.48	9.33	6.96	3.48	116.27
Daney	14.82	11.85	20.75	1.77	4.74	3.54	1.77	59.29
Edison. . . .	13.47	10.78	18.86	1.61	4.31	3.22	1.61	53.90
Enon	7.70	6.16	10.79	.92	2.46	1.84	.92	30.80
Elim	19.44	15.35	27.21	2.33	6.11	4.66	2.33	77.77
Enterprise ..	15.01	12.01	21.02	1.80	4.80	3.60	1.80	60.06
Ft. Gaines ..	34.46	27.41	47.97	4.11	10.96	8.22	4.11	137.06
Friendship ..	17.51	14.01	24.52	2.10	5.60	4.20	2.10	70.07
Georgetown.	11.16	8.93	15.63	1.33	3.57	2.66	1.33	44.66
Herod	15.01	12.01	21.02	1.80	4.80	3.60	1.80	60.00
Hilton	4.23	3.38	5.92	.50	1.35	1.00	.50	16.94
Leary	4.81	3.85	6.73	.57	1.54	1.14	.57	19.25
Lebanon ...	16.55	13.24	23.17	1.98	5.29	3.96	1.98	66.22
Midway	5.96	4.77	8.35	.97	1.90	1.42	.71	23.87
Milford	7.00	6.00	10.51	.90	2.40	1.80	.90	30.03
Morgan	25.79	20.63	36.11	3.90	8.25	7.80	3.90	103.18
Morris	7.89	6.31	11.04	.94	2.52	1.88	.94	31.57
Mt. Gilead..	8.08	6.46	11.31	.97	2.58	1.94	.97	32.34
Mt. Hebron ..	20.98	16.78	29.37	2.51	6.71	5.02	2.57	83.93
Mt. Vernon..	11.16	8.93	15.63	1.33	3.57	2.66	1.33	44.66
Mt. Zion ...	8.47	6.77	11.85	1.01	2.71	2.02	1.01	33.88
New Bethel ..	29.45	23.56	41.23	3.53	9.42	7.06	3.53	117.81
New Hope..	28.30	22.64	39.62	3.40	9.06	6.80	3.40	113.19
Pine View ..	11.94	9.55	16.71	1.43	3.81	2.86	1.43	47.74
Providence ..	14.25	11.40	19.94	1.71	4.56	3.40	1.71	56.98
Rehoboth ...	22.46	18.17	31.90	2.73	7.27	5.44	2.73	90.86
Salem	45.83	36.65	64.14	5.50	14.66	11.00	5.50	183.26
Shellman ...	25.79	20.64	36.61	3.40	8.25	6.80	3.40	103.18
Shiloh	4.04	3.23	5.66	.49	1.29	.97	.49	16.17
Spring Vale..	5.78	4.62	8.09	.69	1.85	1.38	.69	23.10
Vilulah	28.10	22.48	39.35	3.37	8.99	6.74	3.37	112.42
Cuthbert ...	48.13	38.50	67.38	5.78	15.40	11.55	5.78	192.50

We therefore recommend:

1st. That this apportionment sheet be adopted and spread upon the minutes of the Association.

2nd. That the churches make an honest effort during the year before us to respond fully to this appeal.

3rd. We further recommend that the Association, through the Executive Committee, co-operating with the State Convention, look into the matter of establishing a Colportage work within the bounds

of the Association, and if said committee deem it advisable employ a Colporter, fix his salary, and call upon the churches to co-operate in the work.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT G. HASH. Chairman.
JNO. F. EDEN.
L. L. LYON.

Executive Committee of Bethel Association.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

After carefully examining letters from churches we find the churches in good Spiritual condition.

The addition to the churches by baptism and restoration, 305; decrease by death and expulsion, 76, leaving a net gain of 229. We are glad to report that 21 out of 37 report Sunday Schools. We rejoice that there has been an increase in Missionary contributions during the past year, shown as follows:

Contributions this year	\$3,922.92
Contributions last year	3,681.22

Gain in contributions for missions	\$ 241.70
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We urge upon the churches to use the form of letter recommended by the Association.

B. D. ELLIS, Chairman.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Inasmuch as we have received such a cordial welcome and have been afforded such generous entertainment by the good people of Blakely, without respect to denominations, Be it

Resolved, That we hereby express our hearty thanks for their kindness by a rising vote.

2. That we also extend our thanks to C. C. Co. Com. of Early for their tender of the C. H. for our meetings.

ALBERT G. HASH.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Corley, J. G.	Blakely, Ga.
Crumbley, W. O.	Kestler, Ga.
Culbertson, W. L.	Shellman, Ga.
Cheshire, E.	Blakely, Ga.
Dykes, J. E.	Blakely, Ga.
Eden, J. F.	Cuthbert, Ga.
Hammack, W. D.	Coleman, Ga.
Jones, C. E.	Damascus, Ga.
King, J. J.	Blakely, Ga.
Lyon, L. L.	Arlington, Ga.
Martin, John	Shellman, Ga.

Martin, J. W.	Cuthbert, Ga.
Miller, J. I. D.	Arlington, Ga.
Poole, R. C.	Cordele, Ga.
Sauls, J. W.	Shellman, Ga.
Sauls, J. P.	Shellman, Ga.
Sauls, S. J.	Shellman, Ga.
Sullivan S. F.	Shellman, Ga.

UNORDAINED MINISTERS.

T. A. Fellows	Carnegie, Ga.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Arlington, G. W. Harrison, Arlington, Ga.	8	80	...
Antioch, W. F. Cross, Morris Station, Ga.	5	30	...
Bluffton, J. E. Mansfield, Bluffton, Ga.	7	50	...
Beulah			
Blakely, Jno. Underwood, Blakely, Ga.	15	155	1
Carnegie, J. L. Castellaw, Carnegie, Ga.	5	40	...
Coleman, Joe Ray, Coleman, Ga.	7	50	...
Colomokee, J. M. Balkcome, Blakely, Ga.	6	40	...
Cuthbert, T. F. Moody, Cuthbert, Ga.	11	100	1
Damascus, E., B. M. George, Kesler, Ga.			
Damascus, R., C. D. Peak, Cuthbert, Ga.	3	25	...
Dover, F. E. Morton, Dawson, Ga.			
Edison, Henry Turner, Edison, Ga.	9	70	15
Elim			
Enon			
Enterprise, R. G. Smith, Edison, Ga.	3	25	...
Ft. Gaines, J. E. Pauline, Fort Gaines, Ga.	11	100	9
Friendship, J. H. Maury, Cuthbert, Ga.	4	40	2
Georgetown, H. M. Kaigler, Georgetown, Ga.			
Herod, J. H. McLendon, Herod, Ga.			
Hilton			
Leary, S. L. Dismuke, Leary, Ga.			
Lebanon, R. J. Grier Sasser, Ga.			
Midway			
Milord			
Morgan, J. J. Beck, Morgan, Ga.			
Morris, A. H. Teal, Morris Station, Ga.	6	40	...
Mt. Gilead, C. C. Lindsey, Ft. Gaines, Ga.			
Mt. Hebron			
Mt. Vernon			
Mt. Zion			
New Bethel			
New Hope, S. A. Lindsey, Blakeley, Ga.	7	70	...
Pine View			
Providence			
Pretoria			
Rehoboth, J. E. Heiner, Shellman, Ga.	5	40	3
Salem, D. B. Cermonts, Edison, Ga.			
Shellman, J. B. Payne, Shellman, Ga.	6	50	...
Shiloh, T. R. Smith, Morris Station, Ga.	6	20	...
Spring Vale, J. N. Massee, Spring Vale, Ga.			
Vilulah, J. S. Davis, Coleman, Ga.			

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCH	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	COUNTY	ADDITIONS		DIMINUTIONS			Present Member-ship	
						By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Expulsion		By Death	Member's Last Report
Arlington	J. A. Ivey	Dawson	W. J. Horsby	Arlington	Calhoun	17	9	.....	4	.....	2	80
Antioch	R. A. Morgan	Brownwood	W. F. Cross	Morris Station	Quitman	1	1	.....	1	2	1	32
Bluffton	J. I. D. Miller	Arlington	J. B. Parker	Bluffton	Clay	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany	W. I. D. Moody	Boxkin	W. F. Lawrence	Bluffton	Baker	20	9	.....	9	.....	1	71
Bethlehem	J. E. Dykes	Blakely	J. L. Ricks	Blakely	Early	2	2	1	8	.....	2	54
Blakely	C. M. Murchison	Blakely	W. W. Fleming	Blakely	Early	10	22	6	13	14	5	216
Caracene	J. G. Corley	Blakely	N. Fellows	Cuthbert	Randolph	17	11	.....	3	.....	1	62
Coleman	J. A. Ivey	Dawson	W. J. Ray	Coleman	Randolph	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1	86
Colomokee	J. G. Corley	Blakely	J. C. Balkcom	Blakely	Early	8	4	.....	19	.....	1	101
Cuthbert	J. F. Eden	Cuthbert	J. B. Smith	Cuthbert	Randolph	2	17	.....	16	1	5	248
Danascus, E. L.	L. L. Lyon	Arlington	A. A. Husky	Kessler	Early	6	3	.....	6	.....	1	48
Danascus, R.	W. L. Culbertson	Shellman	J. T. Peck	Cuthbert	Randolph	17	11	.....	8	2	1	177
Dover	A. B. Hawks	Richland	J. R. Heidt	Dawson	Terrell	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	84
Edison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
Edison	H. L. Crumley	Richland	H. F. Hammack	Edison	Calhoun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86
Elm	J. W. Saults	Shellman	J. T. Saults	Shellman	Calhoun	9	.....	.....	2	1	1	80
Enterprise	R. C. Pool	Cordale	A. H. Richardson	Edison	Clay	15	3	.....	4	.....	1	71
Fort Gaines	A. G. Hash	Fort Gaines	J. M. Culpepper	Fort Gaines	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	180
Friendship	J. G. Corley	Blakely	W. H. Ferguson	Cuthbert	Randolph	3	2	1	6	.....	3	91
Georgetown	J. E. White	Enfanta, Ala.	H. M. Kaigler	Georgetown	Quitman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58
Herod	L. L. Lyon	Arlington	H. F. Melton	Dawson	Terrell	4	1	.....	10	.....	1	87
Lebanon	W. L. Culbertson	Cuthbert	R. J. Grier	Sasser	Terrell	3	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
Midway	C. White	Enfanta, Ala.	M. A. Lokey	Hutchins	Clay	9	5	.....	1	.....	3	96
Millford	L. L. Lyon	Arlington	J. W. Johnson	Leary	Clay	.....	.....	.....	0	.....	.....	31
Morgan	W. L. Culbertson	Shellman	C. B. Weaver	Morgan	Baker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45
Morris	J. W. Martin	Cuthbert	J. W. Cumby	Morris	Calhoun	4	2	.....	1	1	1	39
Mount Gilead	A. C. Wellons	Plains	J. W. Fellows	Fort Gaines	Quitman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44
Mount Hebron	J. A. Wellons	Cuthbert	J. C. Pearce	Carnegie	Clay	6	3	1	4	1	2	42
Mount Vernon	A. C. Wellons	Plains	C. C. Cox	Fort Gaines	Randolph	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	107
Mount Zion	F. W. Saults	Blakely	C. J. Cox	Fort Gaines	Clay	1	1	.....	35	.....	.....	62
New Bethel	J. H. Poston	Cordale	Richmond Ferguson	Cuthbert	Clay	1	3	.....	35	.....	.....	35
New Hope	J. W. Martin	Cuthbert	W. A. Lindsey	Cuthbert	Randolph	1	11	4	35	.....	1	150
Pine View	J. E. Dykes	Blakely	J. Q. Scarborough	Blakely	Early	12	11	4	4	.....	1	178
Providence	J. A. Morgan	Blakely	W. F. Hays	Blakely	Early	7	2	.....	5	3	1	56
Pretoria	I. I. D. Miller	Arlington	.....	Blakely	Early	2	2	.....	5	.....	.....	74
Rachoboth	R. A. Morgan	Brownwood	H. J. Edwards	Blakely	Early	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Salcm	W. L. Culbertson	Shellman	S. W. Manry	Blakely	Early	4	2	1	1	.....	1	102
Shellman	W. L. Culbertson	Shellman	R. T. Watson	Shellman	Randolph	18	10	.....	16	4	1	239
Shiloh	W. H. Norton	Fort Valley	T. R. Smith	Shellman	Calhoun	4	17	1	8	.....	3	145
Springvale	J. F. Eden	Cuthbert	T. M. Davis	Morris	Randolph	12	3	.....	6	.....	.....	305
Viulah	J. W. Martin	Cuthbert	B. E. Joiner	Springvale	Quitman	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	21	28
				Coleman	Randolph	18	2	19	3	.....	1	31
					Randolph	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	146	102

Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Sunday School	Visiting Ministers	Clerk Hire and Minutes	The Poor	Incidental Expenses	Previous Total	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Schools and Colleges	Ministers' Education	Ministers' Relief	Orphans' Home	Other Objects	Grand Total	Value of Church Property	Women's Missionary Union
Arlington.....	\$ 480 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 3 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 25 75	\$ 40 00	\$ 55 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 7 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 1,200 00	\$.....
Antioch.....	150 00	.....	6 75	1 00	.....	5 05	.....	9 75	33 34	37 51	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	875 00	.....
Bluffton.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000 00	.....
Bethany.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00	.....
Beulah.....	100 00	.....	.....	75	25 00	267 05	.....	10 00	875 00	30 50	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	825 00	.....
Blakely.....	1,200 00	69 70	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	127 50	115 75	130 50	6 25	35 00	10 00	79 58	7 85	.....	8,000 01	10 00
Carnegie.....	200 00	.....	.....	2 50	25 00	.....	.....	6 00	20 50	6 50	.....	.....	.....	20 00	26 50	.....	3,000 00	.....
Coleman.....	300 00	40 00	25 00	3 00	.....	12 00	.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	18 00	.....	.....	1,000 00	.....
Colomakee.....	200 00	5 00	1 50	7 25	12 94	12 94	12 94	4 50	3 00	9 50	12 65	800 00	50 00
Cuthbert.....	3 50	79 75	85 60	156 75	45 25	41 00	11 45	36 56	190 00	15,800 00	192 35
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Danascus R.....	175 00	2 50	6 30	5 00	12 55	11 30	1,000 00
Dover.....	200 00	8 00	18 00	4 00	27 60	11 00	11 00	156 00	5 00	2 39	6 60	1,500 00
Edison.....	300 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 35	16 00	61 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elim.....	125 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	15 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 65	5 80	6 30	5 00	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enterprise.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	210 80	115 76	130 15	27 30	45 00	10 00	82 00	15 67	.....	5,000 00	.....
Fort Gaines.....	175 00	.....	9 25	4 00	7 20	.....	.....	20 10	15 00	20 10	.....	5 00	2 30	15 00	.....	.....	1,000 00	.....
Friendship.....	.....	42 70	.....	1 50	.....	24 70	.....	5 00	9 50	10 00	.....	.....	3 50	15 00	50	.....	1,000 00	.....
Georgetown.....	150 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	12 35	4 60	15 30	3 50	7 80	3 50	6 75	.....	.....	1,200 00	.....
Herod.....	200 00	8 00	24 00	1 25	.....	6 00	.....	.....	1 50	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hilton.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leary.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	23 90	50 47	.....	5 00	.....	9 05	.....	.....	800 00	.....
Lebanon.....	100 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	3 75	3 50	3 75	5 50	25	.....	9 50	9 25	.....	1,200 00	.....
Midway.....	100 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	6 96	1 16	2 53	3 00	.....	2 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Millford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morgan.....	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800 00	.....
Morris.....	125 00	12 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	11 61	8 90	9 30	.....	.....	1 40	11 05	4 00	.....	800 00	.....
Mount Gilead.....	125 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	4 60	.....	400 00	.....
Mount Hebron.....	100 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	11 00	11 00	11 00	.....	.....	12 46	11 00	.....	.....	1,000 00	.....
Mount Vernon.....	100 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	10 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 85	4 00	.....	800 00	.....
Mount Zion.....	100 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00	.....
New Bethel.....	200 00	3 00	6 00	2 00	.....	28 00	.....	55 00	50 00	50 58	.....	6 00	.....	7 00	.....	.....	1,700 00	.....
New Hope.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800 00	.....
Pine View.....	75 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 50	4 50	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 35	.....	.....	800 00	.....
Providence.....	150 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	4 10	1 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800 00	.....
Pretoria.....	100 05	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rehoboth.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	250 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	9 47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shellman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00	30 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelman.....	400 00	475 00	107 25	2 50	.....	13 85	.....	46 11	20 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	6 50	.....	.....	10,000 00	.....
Shiloh.....	100 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	125 00	.....	11 02	12 50	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00	.....
Springvale.....	75 00	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	9 00	6 00	11 52	2 00	2 40	2 45	6 30	.....	.....	500 00	.....
Vilulah.....	150 00	3 50	.....	2 50	5 25	10 00	.....	24 59	5 00	6 88	.....	3 00	4 85	7 00	.....	.....	600 00	.....
TOTALS.....	\$ 657 70	\$ 171 81	\$ 201 25	\$ 72 25	\$ 44 70	\$ 491 65	\$ 964 70	\$ 709 13	\$ 985 13	\$ 278 00	\$ 169 20	\$87 99	\$ 411 57	\$ 271 87	\$67,225 00	\$ 302 05

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ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

Article 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in divine perfection.

Article 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

Article 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

Article 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the Gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Article 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

Article 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by convention in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons.

Article 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

Article 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance;

that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

Article 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to a final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, or principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the

churches belonging to the Association from time to time appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association, through her Executive Committee, may order. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed. Unless suspended for a special object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions, when seconded, must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or uses unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

19. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

MINUTES

Of the Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Association

The fifteenth session of the W. M. U., Auxiliary to the Bethel Association, met in the Blakely Methodist Church, Blakely, Ga., Oct. 28, 1908.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. L. P. Taylor.
Song. "Blest be the Tie." Prayer by Mrs. Gunter.

Enrolled the following messengers:

Arlington—Miss Mary Cowdrey.

Blakely—Miss Florence Prince.

Cuthbert—Mrs. Liclie Farnum.

Coleman—Miss Ray.

Ft. Gaines—Mrs. J. E. Paullin.

Kestler—Mrs. B. M. George.

Shellman—Mrs. M. S. Watts.

Edison—Mrs. H. E. Hammack.

On motion, adopted same order of business as last year.

Welcome address. Mrs. L. E. Gay.

Response. Mrs. M. S. Watts.

Supt. Mrs. L. P. Taylor, had the following Union's enrolled, together with names of presidents:

Arlington—Miss Mary Cowdrey, Arlington, Ga.

Blakely—Miss Florence Prince, Blakely, Ga.

Bluffton—Mrs. Rillie Bryant, Bluffton, Ga.

Cuthbert—Mrs. L. A. Duggan, Cuthbert, Ga.

Coleman—Mrs. W. J. Ray, Coleman, Ga.

Coleman, Miss Clara Joiner, Coleman, Ga.

Colomokee—Mrs. R. S. Roberts, Blakely, Ga.

Damascus, R.—Mrs. E. G. Sandlin, Cuthbert, Ga.

Damascus, E.—Mrs. P. N. Dozier, Kestler, Ga.

Ft. Gaines—Mrs. J. E. Paullin, Ft. Gaines, Ga.

Georgetown—Mrs. J. W. Newsome, Georgetown, Ga.

Midway—Mrs. Laura Lakey, Georgetown, Ga.

New Bethel—Miss Cora Stewart, Shellman, Ga.

Morris—Mrs. S. E. Sparks, Morris Station, Ga.

New Hope—Mrs. J. J. McLendon, Blakely, Ga.

Shellman—Mrs. M. S. Watts, Shellman, Ga.

Springvale—Mrs. M. F. Garner, Springvale, Ga.

Edison—Mrs. H. E. Hammack, Edison, Ga.

Carnegie—Mrs. Castellow, Carnegie, Ga.

Vilulah—Miss Carrie McFather, Coleman, Ga.

Association Missionary—Mrs. W. D. Hammack, Coleman, Ga.

The question of holding annual meetings at different times and places from the Association, was strongly advocated by Mrs. Farnum, and the Supt., Mrs. L. P. Taylor, and State organizer, Mrs. Gunter.

On motion, this was adopted and the time and place selected—Cuthbert, Ga., on Tuesday and Wednesday after the first Sunday in Oct. 1909.

Heard report of Mrs. Julia Hammack, Association Missionary. She reported the following Societies organized: Edison, Carnegie, Bluffton, and Vilulah.

Heard report of Mrs. J. E. Paullin, chairman Executive Committee. She reported one meeting held, and that Miss Annie Sandlin had been employed as missionary for three months of this year.

Treasurer, Mrs. L. D. Gay, reported \$21.15 for paying expenses of missionaries, \$11.35 having been expended, leaving a balance of \$9.80. We urge the societies to send in funds to meet these expenses.

Read letter from Miss Annie Sandlin, who is in the training school, showing fine results from her work for the Union.

Adjourned to hear Dr. J. J. Bennett's talk on missions.

Heard reports from B. Y. P. U., Cuthbert, Mrs. Farnum, President; Ft. Gaines, Mrs. J. E. Paullin, President, with Mrs. A. G. Hash, leader of the Aux., B. Y. P. U.

Heard report on State Missions by Mrs. M. S. Watts.

Heard report on Home Missions by Miss Florence Prince.

Heard report on Foreign Missions by Mrs. C. M. Murchison.

"Do Mission Study Classes and service tend to greater Spirituality?" Discussed by Mrs. Flemming.

Heard a strong plea by Mrs. Gunter, State organizer, on method in our work, stressing the sending of funds to Dr. J. J. Bennett and the making of quarterly reports to our Superintendent, Mrs. L. P. Taylor.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1907 AND 1908.

State Missions	\$235.60
Home Missions	260.45
Foreign Missions	183.65
Ministerial Education	23.70

Orphans' Home	65.00
Training School	25.00
Schools and Colleges	2.65
Margaret Home	5.00
Boxes Orphans' Home	54.00
Local Work	121.15
Arlington	503.76
Minister's Relief	140.00
Colomokee	130.00
Total	<hr/> \$1,506.96

SECOND DAYS SESSION.

2 P. M.—Devotional exercises.

Read and adopted minutes first day's session.

With Mrs. Gunter in the chair, Mrs. L. P. Taylor made a strong appeal for the societies to pay expenses of our missionaries while at work.

On motion, each society is requested to send five cents per month for each member to Mrs. L. D. Gay, Blakely, Ga., for the purpose of paying this, together with instruction to accept any free will offerings that may be given for this work.

Heard report of Nominating Committee, as follows:

Superintendent—Mrs. L. P. Taylor, Cuthbert, Ga.

Secretary—Mrs. G. A. Cole, Blakely, Ga.

Association Missionary—Mrs. D. W. Hammack, Coleman, Ga.

Agreed to have our Union divided into two districts with a woman in each district to look after the work, each of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee and meet quarterly.

Appointed the following Standing Committees, Executive Committee: Mesdames J. E. Paullin, M. S. Watts, J. D. Gunn, L. E. Gay and Misses Ray and Annie Hammack.

State Missions—Mrs. L. A. Duggan.

Home Missions—Mrs. Cowdrey.

Foreign Missions—Mrs. C. M. Murchison.

Orphans' Home—Mrs. T. F. Moody.

Margaret Home—Mrs. Jno. Underwood.

Training School—Mrs. E. G. Sandlin.

Schools in China and El Paso—Mrs. J. F. Eden.

Literature—Mrs. B. W. Ellis.

Society Work—Mrs. L. D. Gay.

Welcome Address—Miss Mary Eden.

Response—Mrs. J. E. Paullin.

Young People's Work—Miss Ray.

Quartette—Reen Martin, Leila Harris, Bessie Moody and Dorothy Hunt.

"How to Keep the Societies Enthused"—Mrs. L. P. Taylor.

Recitation—By Emmie Moody.

Queries: Why not elect an Assistant to report quarterly to Superintendent? How to arouse interest in our work? How best to keep statistics? Our difficulties and opportunities. How to begin work in undeveloped churches?

Say a helpful word.

Solo—By Mrs. Frye.

Superintendent appointed the following sisters to aid the work in their churches:

Morgan—Mrs. Althea Stewart, Mrs. J. M. Newton.

Mt. Hebron—Mrs. Willie Grubbs, Mrs. Rad Fellows.

Carnegie—Mrs. Bettie Swan, Mrs. Ophelia Castellow.

Antioch—Mrs. R. N. Beauchamp, Mrs. W. F. Cross.

Midway—Mrs. Walter Gay, Miss Laura Lokey.

Friendship—Miss Grady Melton, Mrs. John Bynum.

New Bethel—Mrs. Ettie Grubbs, Miss Nettie Ferguson.

Milford—Mrs. Wiley Morris, Mrs. W. W. Kidd.

New Hope—Mrs. J. J. McLendon, Mrs. Fannie Dykes.

Edison—Mrs. Henry Turner, Mrs. G. G. Wiggins.

Ft. Gaines—Mrs. J. E. Paullin, Miss Ray.

Springvale—Mrs. George, Mrs. Sparks.

Lebanon—Mrs. J. S. Varner, Mrs. G. V. Pace.

Shellman—Mrs. C. W. Martin, Mrs. M. S. Watts.

Salem—Mrs. S. W. Manry, Mrs. John Turner.

Herod—Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Melton.

Dover—Mrs. W. H. Grubbs.

Cherokee—Mrs. E. S. Collins, Mrs. J. M. Balkcom.

Rehoboth—Mrs. Henry Trippe, Mrs. M. E. Tyson.

Damascus R.—Mrs. E. G. Sandlin, Mrs. Addie Henier.

Cuthbert—Mrs. Lillie Farmer, Mrs. L. A. Duggan.

Blakely—Mrs. C. M. Murchison, Miss Florence Prince.

Do all you can, sisters, to stimulate the work in your churches and report to me quarterly.

MRS. L. P. TAYLOR,
Superintendent.

MINUTES
—OF THE—
SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
—OF THE—

Bethel Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

MORGAN BAPTIST CHURCH,
Calhoun County, Ga., October 26th, 27th and 28th, 1909.

OFFICERS:

A. L. Miller, Moderator..... Edison, Ga.
W. W. Fleming, Clerk..... Blakely, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A. G. Hash..... Fort Gaines, Ga.
A. L. Miller..... Edison, Ga.
C. M. Murchison..... Blakely, Ga.
L. A. Duggan..... Cuthbert, Ga.
D. W. Hammack..... Coleman, Ga.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Introductory Sermon... C. J. White; alternate J. W. Martin
Missionary Sermon... G. V. Tilley; alt. W. L. Culbertson

Next Session will be held with Georgetown Baptist Church,
Quitman county, Ga., beginning on Tuesday after the
fourth Sunday in October, 1910, at 10 A. M.

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MINUTES.

Morgan, Ga., October 26th, 1909.

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of Bethel Association convened with the church at Morgan, Ga., at 10 o'clock a. m. Prayer and praise service conducted by Rev. S. K. Hargrove.

At 11 a. m. the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Corley. Text Matthew 13:33.

The former Moderator being absent temporary organization was effected by calling Bro. L. A. Duggan to the chair. Adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Roll call of messengers:

Arlington—J. M. Johnson, W. C. Wiggins, L. F. Murray, G. W. Harrison.

Antioch—

Bethel-Clay—Owen Cox, Kirby Moore.

Bluffton—W. F. Davis, W. O. Norton, J. B. Parker.

Bethany—J. W. Craft, R. R. Lanier.

Beulah—W. R. Hodges, J. L. Ricks.

Blakely—Rev. C. M. Murchison, W. W. Fleming, B. R. Collins.

Carnegie—J. G. Corley, C. J. White, J. M. Culbreth, H. S. Page.

Coleman—D. W. Hammack, W. D. Hammack, Jr.

Colomokee—E. S. Collins, J. M. Balkcom.

Cuthbert—Rev. Geo. V. Tilley, J. W. Stanford, L. A. Duggan, B. W. Ellis, R. D. Gay.

Damascus-Early—D. H. Davis, Grady I. George.

Damascus-Randolph—J. T. Peak, Oscar Settles, C. D. Peak, Harry Clark, A. L. Mashburn.

Dover—M. R. Holman, W. S. Thornton, S. M. Patrick.

Edison—A. L. Miller, V. L. McTyer, R. W. Plowden.

Enon—

Elim—J. W. Sauls, S. S. Sauls, W. H. Johnson, Arthur Brown, D. A. Trammell.

Enterprise—R. G. Smith, J. H. T. McKinnon, A. H. Richardson.

Fort Gaines—A. G. Hash, E. J. Hobbs, B. M. Turnipseed, E. R. Shaw, C. H. Chitty.

Friendship—J. H. Manry, C. M. Poindexter, J. T. Bynum, W. M. Faircloth.

Georgetown—G. O. Kaigler.

Herod—D. J. Dennis, I. P. Cocke, H. F. Melton.

Hilton—C. A. Belisle.

Leary—R. M. Jordan, G. L. Whittaker.

Lebanon—J. T. Varner, J. F. Brim.

Midway—

Milford—J. W. Johnson, J. D. Harp.

Morgan—J. M. Newton, C. B. Jackson, C. W. Davis.

Morris—A. H. Teel, R. A. J. Boyett.

Mt. Gilead—C. P. Holmes.

Mt. Hebron—J. W. Martin, T. A. Fellows, J. A. Dawson.

Mt. Vernon—B. F. Pierce, A. C. Sutton, N. H. Ingram.

Mt. Zion—W. E. Pound, J. A. Pound.

New Bethel—J. M. Taylor, J. T. Stewart, O. H. Jordan.

New Hope—P. C. George, C. W. Middleton, B. R. Houston.

Pine View—J. W. Anderson, Jr.

Providence—H. M. Temples, D. W. Harrell, P. C. Harrell.

Pretoria—

Rehoboth—G. T. Bridges, E. F. Sanders, P. A. Schramm.

Salem—S. W. Manry, G. D. Ragan, J. B. Turner, G. W. Turner, J. M. Isler.

Shellman—W. L. Culberson, John Martin, C. W. Martin, Charlie Cheney, W. H. Arnold.

Springvale—J. N. Massee.

Shiloh—

Villulah—G. W. Coram, J. T. Rish, Ira Ragan.

Permanent organization was effected by electing Bro. A. L. Miller Moderator and Bro. W. W. Fleming Clerk.

The same order of business as used at last session was adopted, except that "Report on State Missions" was added as the 10th item on Tuesday afternoon.

Fixed hours for meeting and adjourning: meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 10:45; meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at will.

On motion passed call for applications for new membership.

Called for correspondents and visitors. Revs. J. A. Ivey, S. K. Hargrove, A. C. Wellons, R. A. Morgan and C. D. Carter were received from Friendship Association; Rev H. L. Crumbley from Summer Hill Association; Rev. C. T. Norton from Rehoboth Association; Bro. S. W. Smith from Mell Association.

Rev. B. J. W. Graham representing the Christian Index and the Board of Missions of the Georgia Baptist Convention, and Bro. G. H. McDonald representing the Golden Age, were received as visitors..

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—Rev. H. L. Culberson, J. M. Newton, C. B. Jackson, C. W. Davis, J. W. Martin and G. W. Coram.

On Finance—B. M. Turnipseed, S. W. Manry and B. W. Ellis.

On Digest of Letters—V. L. McTyer, E. S. Collins and J. T. Stewart.

On Nominations—J. W. Stanford, D. W. Hammock and J. M. Johnson.

The Committee on State Missions, through its Chairman, Rev. J. W. Martin, made its report. (See Doc. 1.) The report was spoken to by Rev. J. W. Martin and Rev. B. J. W. Graham. Report adopted.

Wednesday Morning.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. G. V. Tilley.

Called for correspondents and visitors. Received Bro. S. D. Hatcher from Friendship Association.

Called for Report of Treasurer. Report read and referred to auditing committee, consisting of E. S. Collins, J. T. Stewart and J. W. Martin. (See Doc. 2.)

Bro. L. A. Duggan was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Called for report of Executive Committee. Report was read by Secretary C. M. Murchison. After interesting discussion by A. G. Hash, C. J. White, D. W. Hammack, B. J. W. Graham and others the report was adopted. (See Doc. 3.)

Immediately following the adoption of the report of Executive Committee, on motion a special collection for the relief of Bro. Carl DeVane, a young ministerial student at Norman Park Institute, was taken up amounting to \$23.90.

Committee on Digest of Letters was granted further time.

Called for report of Trustees of Bethel College. Report read and adopted. (See Doc. 4.)

The Committee on Education was granted further time.

On motion the Finance Committee was allowed to render its report at this time. Report read by Chairman B. M. Turnipseed and adopted as read. (See Doc. 5.)

Adjourned to hear Missionary Sermon by Rev. C. M. Murchison. An overflow meeting was held at the M. E. Church, conducted by Rev. Geo. V. Tilley. At the close of the services voluntary offerings were taken up for State Missions, the joint collections amounting to \$25.79.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Devotional services by Bro. D. W. Hammack.

On motion heard report of Committee on Education. Report was read and explained by Chairman Bro. B. R. Collins. After an interesting discussion report was amended and adopted. (See Doc. 6.)

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters was read and adopted. (See Doc. 7.)

Called for report of Committee on Orphanage. Report read and adopted. (See Doc 8.)

Called for report on Missions. The Committee on Home Missions was read by Bro. D. W. Hammack (see Doc. 9) and the report on Foreign Missions by Bro. A. G. Hash. (See Doc. 10.) Rev. A. G. Hash made an able exposition of the workings and accomplishments of the Home Mission Board, and Rev. Geo. V. Tilley made an earnest plea in behalf of Foreign Missions. Rev. J. R. Keyton, of Alabama, also spoke earnestly for the Foreign Mission cause. The two reports were then adopted.

Report of the Auditing Committee confirming the accuracy of the Treasurer's report was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations read and adopted. (See Doc. 11.)

Report of Committee on Temperance read and adopted. (See Doc. 12.)

The Moderator announced the following Committee on Obituaries—E. S. Collins, L. A. Duggan and J. M. Newton.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning Session.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. W. Martin.

Report on Denominational Literature presented by A. L. Miller, Chairman, who called Bro. J. W. Martin to the chair. Report adopted. (See Document 13.)

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Clerk in absence of Chairman of Committee, Bro. B. W. Ellis. Discussed by Rev. G. V. Tilley. Report adopted. (See Document 13.)

Report on Ministerial Relief read by Clerk in absence of Chairman, E. S. Collins. Report adopted. (See Doc. 15.)

Report of Committee on Obituaries read by Bro. L. A. Duggan for the committee. Report adopted. (See Doc. 16.)

Report on Woman's Work read by Rev. C. M. Murchison, chairman of committee. Adopted after discussion by Bro. Murchison. (See Doc. 17.)

Adoption of Report on Ministerial Relief reconsidered for purpose of discussion. Bros. D. W. Hammack, A. G. Hash, J. W. Stanford, G. V. Tilley, J. W. Martin and H. L. Crumbley spoke earnestly and interestingly in behalf of the old soldiers of the cross. • Report was then re-adopted.

Fixed time and place of next session at Georgetown on the Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1910.

Rev. A. G. Hash offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, Our laymen are being organized, in all denominations and in all sections of our country, we therefore recommend that a committee be appointed on the Laymen's Movement, to report at our next annual gathering."

A motion to make the Committee on Obituaries a standing committee was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

Standing Committees.

On Home Missions—C. J. White, J. M. Culbreth, W. F. Davis, Oscar Settles, R. G. Smith.

On State Missions—A. G. Hash, W. O. Norton, J. W. Craft, R. R. Lanier, A. H. Richardson.

On Foreign Missions—J. G. Corley, H. S. Page, D. W. Hammack, Jr., D. H. Davis, G. O. Kaigler, D. J. Dennis.

On Sunday Schools—J. W. Sauls, N. H. Johnson, J. T. Peak, A. L. Mashburn, J. M. Balkcom.

On Temperance—W. L. Culberson, J. N. Masee, G. D. Ragan, V. L. McTyer, R. W. Plowden, R. M. Jordan.

On Orphans Home—J. W. Stanford, W. R. Hodges, J. L. Ricks, R. D. Gay, S. S. Sauls.

On Education—B. R. Collins, C. A. Belisle, J. T. Varner, J. F. Brim, J. M. Newton.

On Denominational Literature—J. G. Corley, E. S. Collins, N. H. Ingram, J. M. Taylor, B. R. Houston.

On Ministerial Relief—G. V. Tilley, W. S. Thornton, D. A. Manuel, C. W. Martin, Charlie Cheney, G. W. Coram.

On Woman's Work—J. W. Martin, B. W. Ellis, W. L. Culberson, J. B. Turner, G. W. Tenner, J. M. Isler.

On Laymen's Movement—L. A. Duggan, D. W. Hammack, J. M. Masee.

On Obituaries—C. M. Murchison, J. M. Newton, A. G. Hash, V. L. McTyer.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. J. N. Masee, was adopted by a rising vote:

"Inasmuch as we have received such a cordial welcome and have been afforded such generous entertainment by the good people of Morgan, without respect to denomination, be it

"Resolved, That we hereby express our hearty thanks for their kindness by a rising vote."

Any brethren attending sister associations are authorized to present themselves as correspondents from this Association.

On motion of Rev. A. G. Hash, the Moderator and Clerk of the Association were given a vote of thanks for their diligent and efficient service.

There being no further business, Association adjourned.

A. L. MILLER, Moderator.

W. W. FLEMING, Clerk.

Document Number 1.

Report on State Missions.

Your committee submits the following report: "Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt, Thou has cast out the heathen and planted it, and Thou didst cause it to take deep root and it filled the land." Psalms 80, 8 and 9.

It has been 137 years since the first Baptist church in Georgia was constituted by Daniel Marshal. The name of that church was Kiokey, in Columbia county. The Lord depicted a vine in the name of his son, Jesus Christ. That vineyard, though it had a small beginning, has gained by littles and littles until it covers the whole of Georgia. Churches have been built with great difficulties. Some were organized under trees, some under bush harbors, some in the poorest log houses. The preachers that preached during these 137 years or the first part of them did it with great difficulties. They walked many times because they did not have any way to ride. They went at the command of the Lord, notwithstanding the hardships and yet there is a state work to do. David said that the vine took deep root and it is very necessary for the Christian vine to take deep root. Every family in Georgia needs a Bible and they need a Baptist preacher to visit them and to instruct them and to encourage them to read the Bible and to go to church. Bless God, notwithstanding the difficulties that have confronted us, Georgia is almost a network of churches throughout. How has so great a work been done? By the missionary spirit among the people and the help of the Lord.

Brethren, let us not fail to teach our children the missionary spirit. For it is the hope of success and the hope of pleasing the Lord. And may the dews of heaven continue to fall on his vineyard in Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. MARTIN, Chairman.

Document No. 2.

Report of Treasurer.

Cuthbert, Ga., October 26th, 1909.

To Bethel Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren—As your Treasurer, I submit the following report:

The Executive Committee having appointed me to fill the unexpired term of Bro. L. L. Lyon, I examined the books of Bro. Lyon through Bro. J. F. Eden, Secretary of Committee. Bro. Eden found, upon examination, an uncollected check from Bro. A. G. Hash to the C. A. DeVane fund for \$8.10 and a cash balance due of \$17.32, which was sent me by Bro. G. W. Harrison. The vouchers herewith show a cash balance on hand of

\$7.27. About one-half the churches, according to Bro. Lyon's papers, have contributed to the fund in aid of Bro. DeVane. No funds have been sent me since my appointment. Bro. DeVane is now in urgent need of some assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. DUGGAN, Treasurer.

L. A. Duggan, Treasurer, in account with

1909	Bethel Baptist Association	Dr.	Cr.
June 11th	To check of A. G. Hash to L. L. Lyon..	\$ 8.10	
June 12th	By check sent to C. A. DeVane		12.00
July 3rd	To check from G. W. Harrison .. .	17.32	
July 12th	By check to J. F. Eden, Sec. Ex. Com. . .		6.15
Oct. 26th	By balance on hand.... .		7.27
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		\$25.42	\$25.42
To balance on hand			<hr/>
			\$7.27

Report of Auditing Committee.

We have examined the Treasurer's Report and find same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. COLLINS,

J. T. STEWART,

J. W. MARTIN,

Auditing Committee.

Document No. 3.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your committee begs leave to render the following report:

We held nine meetings during the year. At the first meeting Bro. Lyon reported \$28.64 on hand. It was decided also at this meeting to continue the same support to Bro. Carl DeVane as beneficiary at Norman Park Institute.

We have made diligent inquiry concerning Bro. DeVane and find that he is making a good record for himself both as a student and a Christian gentleman.

At the February meeting, Bro. C. J. White was employed as Associational Missionary at a salary of \$1,000. He was to retain Midway and Enon churches, the salary which they paid to be deducted from the \$1,000, which was expected to amount to \$250.00.

The Committee requested Brother White to make monthly reports.

A claim was received from Bro. E. S. Collins, Associational Clerk, for \$9.00, which he had paid on printing. The Committee replied that they had no power to act on this matter.

June Meeting—A deep shadow of sorrow prevailed at this meeting on account of the death of our dear Bro. Lyon. He was so sweet in spirit, kind in disposition, and agreeable in council. We bow to the spirit's dispensation, asking the Father to give us grace to endure the affliction. Suitable words of sympathy were spread on our minutes of the Executive Committee and also sent to Sister Lyon.

Owing to death of Bro. Lyon, Bro. L. A. Duggan was elected Treasurer of Association. Brother C. M. Murchison was elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee.

A communication from Springvale church, asking for an indorsement for an appropriation from the State Board of Missions for building a house of worship was received. The indorsement was gladly made.

July Meeting—Bro. J. F. Eden resigned as member of the Executive Committee, also as Secretary. Bro. Murchison was elected Secretary and Bro. A. L. Miller a member of the Committee.

At Edison meeting it was decided to ask the churches to provide a fund for the traveling expenses of members of the Executive Committee while attending meetings during the year.

The Missionary's Report is herewith appended:

Final Report of Missionary of Bethel Association.

Work begun on February 5th, 1909, ending Nov. 1st, 1909.

Work in Detail.

Sermons preached, 129; prayer meetings held, 20; addresses, 6; missions collected, \$225.90, days of service, 180, protracted meetings held, 6; visits to homes, 200, miles traveled, 3,186; Bibles sold, 60; tracts distributed, 800; received for baptism, 33; by letter, 18; New Testaments distributed, 125; other books sold, 25; subscriptions to the Index, 12; home field, 35; foreign Mission Journal, 25.

Churches visited—Cuthbert, Enon, Midway, Antioch, Morris, Mt. Zion, Fort Gaines, Mt. Hebron, Bethel, Herod, Salem, Morgan, Leary, Enterprise, Vilulah, Friendship, Carnegie, Elim, Edison, Colomokee, Georgetown.

Due Missionary from Board for August, September and October, total, \$196.05.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. WHITE.

Apportionment list also appended.

ALBERT G. HASH, Chairman.
C. M. MURCHISON, Secretary.

Apportionment Sheet Bethel Baptist Association.

This divided among our churches presents the following:

	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Ministerial Relief	Ministerial Education	Schools and Colleges
Bethel Association	\$1275 00	\$956 00	\$1700 00	\$425 00	\$170 00	\$214 00	\$321 00
Arlington	34 83	27 46	44 68	10 98	5 04	5 49	8 24
Antioch	10 30	8 24	13 73	3 30	1 52	1 65	2 47
Bluffton							
Bethel							
Bethany	30 90	24 72	41 20	9 76	4 53	4 94	7 42
Beulah	16 12	12 90	21 50	5 16	2 36	2 58	3 87
Blakely	76 22	60 98	101 62	24 39	11 18	12 20	18 29
Carnegie	30 21	24 27	40 28	9 67	4 43	4 83	7 25
Colomokee	34 69	29 95	46 22	11 09	5 08	5 54	8 32
Coleman	28 15	22 52	37 54	9 00	4 12	4 50	6 75
Cuthbert	84 11	67 29	112 15	26 92	12 33	13 46	20 18
Damascus (Early)	16 49	13 19	21 98	5 27	2 42	2 64	3 95
Damascus (Ran.)	60 77	48 61	81 03	19 44	8 91	9 72	14 58
Dover	28 84	23 07	38 45	9 25	4 22	4 51	6 92
Edison	29 50	23 60	39 33	9 44	4 30	4 72	7 08
Enon	13 73	10 98	18 31	4 38	2 00	2 19	3 28
Elim	29 18	23 34	38 91	9 33	4 28	4 68	7 00
Enterprise	28 84	23 07	38 45	9 25	4 22	4 51	6 92
Fort Gaines	61 80	49 44	82 40	19 77	9 06	9 88	14 83
Friendship	30 21	24 27	40 28	9 67	4 43	4 83	7 25
Georgetown	19 91	15 93	26 55	6 37	2 92	3 19	4 78
Herod	24 72	19 77	32 96	7 91	3 62	3 95	5 93
Hilton	9 95	7 96	18 27	3 18	1 46	1 59	2 38
Leary							
Lebanon	32 98	26 37	43 95	10 54	4 83	5 27	7 91
Midway	8 58	6 86	11 44	2 74	1 15	1 37	2 05
Milford	15 47	12 35	20 59	4 94	2 26	2 47	3 70
Morgan	46 00	36 80	61 33	14 72	6 75	7 36	11 04
Morris	15 10	12 08	20 14	4 83	2 21	2 41	3 62
Mt. Gilead	14 42	11 53	19 22	4 61	2 11	2 30	3 46
Mt. Hebron	36 73	29 39	48 98	11 75	5 38	5 87	8 81
Mt. Vernon	21 28	17 03	28 38	6 81	3 12	3 40	5 10
Mt. Zion	12 01	9 61	16 02	3 84	1 76	1 92	2 88
New Bethel	41 20	32 96	54 93	13 18	6 04	6 59	9 88
New Hope	61 11	48 89	81 48	19 55	8 96	9 77	14 66
Pine View	19 22	15 58	25 63	6 15	2 82	3 07	4 61
Pretoria							
Providence	25 75	20 60	34 33	8 24	3 78	4 12	6 18
Rehoboth	40 85	32 86	54 47	13 07	5 99	6 53	9 30
Salem	84 46	67 57	112 61	26 02	12 48	13 51	19 27
Shellman	47 28	37 82	63 04	15 13	6 92	7 56	11 34
Shiloh	10 30	8 24	13 73	3 30	1 52	1 65	2 47
Springvale	9 61	7 69	12 81	3 07	1 31	1 53	2 30
Vilulah	55 62	44 49	74 16	17 79	8 15	8 90	13 35

Document No. 4.

Report of Bethel College Trustees.

We respectively submit the following report: At the last session of your body, the sale of the building and grounds was authorized. On the first Tuesday night in this month, October, in regular meeting of the city council of Cuthbert the propositions and terms offered were accepted by the council. The sale has not been completed, but it is in progress of adjustment.

The insurance and repairs are carefully looked after.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD, President.

B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

Document No. 5.

Financial Report.

Brother Moderator—We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

State Missions.. . . .	\$54.39
Home Misions.	29.05
Foreign Missions.	15.35
Schools and Colleges.	7.30
Ministerial Education.	10.25
Ministerial Relief.	22.55
Orphans Home.	77.80
For Minutes.	77.33
Associational Missions.	7.00

Total sent up by churches. \$301.02

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. TURNIPSEED, Chairman.

Document No. 6.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To the Bethel Baptist Association:

Your Committee beg leaves to submit the following:

During the year there has been a great step taken forward in the development of the secular schools of our state by means of some very helpful laws, but possibly the greatest encouragement to education, has been through the influence which the agitation of these questions brought about in educating the people of Georgia up to an appreciation of the best interest of posterity.

Christian education has consequently been very greatly benefitted by the general enthusiasm manifested in the interest of the schools. To such an extent has this been true, that the Baptist schools of Georgia boast of the largest enrollment in their history, and the general atmosphere of the several colleges

for Baptist boys and girls is felt with more enthusiastic appreciation of the development of the best that is in us to an extent unrivaled heretofore. There is no small fact for gratification in the wonderful work accomplished by the Georgia Baptists in completing the \$300,000.00 endowment fund for Mercer which was an accomplishment, that in its consummation, far exceeded the most sanguine expectation of the great hosts of Baptists, and it is natural that we should feel with due reverence, the enthusiasm attendant on the successful fruition of such a noble work.

The fields for disseminating the beneficence of a Christian education have been well sown and are being well cultivated, so that in a few years we can proudly boast of schools second to none for boys and girls, who will continue our work towards the upbuilding of the country, and the most wholesome development of the individual, into a well rounded man or woman, which is the noblest work of God.

As Baptists of Georgia, we are interested in Mercer and Bessie Tift, and as Baptists of Bethel Association, we are interested in Norman Park. Mercer is in splendid shape, and your committee is glad to be able to report that its work now being accomplished is wonderful in its manifold results.

Bessie Tift has recently added new equipments, and under the administration of that faithful worker and revered man of God, Prof. C. H. Jackson, a new impetus has been given to Christian education for the girls who attend this institution, and a greater prestige in the educational world by reason of the enlarged curriculum and more advanced corps of teachers, and we, as Baptists, must recognize, and with enthusiastic appreciation, endorse the work that is being done at this College. And we believe we speak advisably when we say that its advantages are second to none in the State of Georgia. There has recently been organized a movement, whereby it is purposed to raise \$300,000 endowment fund for the Bessie Tift College. This movement does not meet with the discouragement that our same effort did when we started the work of the \$300,000.00 fund for Mercer two years ago, and we, as a committee, most urgently endorse the movement, which looks towards bettering the financial condition of this institution which is doing such a great work in Georgia.

Norman Park Institute has enjoyed another unparalleled year of success, and the splendid young man who is at the head of that institution, deserves our heartiest support and encouragement. The Bethel Association owns a one-sixth undivided interest in this institution, and we should feel a definite active interest in this institution, and encourage all our boys and girls within the bounds of this Association to attend this school; and

the churches should contribute liberally towards its maintenance and support; especially in view of the fact that it is here must be the place for fostering those qualities of manhood and womanhood which is the purpose of a Christian education, and especially fostering the needs of the ministerial students within our bounds. After a close investigation of the work being done by our several colleges, your committee is especially impressed with the lack of a loan fund at Mercer and Norman Park, whereby the needs of worthy young men from our Association may be assisted. It is certainly true that there are many boys and girls of sterling worth, who, by a little assistance, would secure an education if the means were just partly provided.

We urge every Baptist to bespeak for the movement for the \$300,000.00 endowment fund for Bessie Tift College, their most enthusiastic support.

We commend our Baptist schools as worthy of our patronage and financial support, and our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. COLLINS, Chairman,
T. F. CORDRAY,
M. C. INGRAHAM,
J. M. JOHNSON,
H. J. EDWARDS.

Document No. 7.

Report on Digest of Letters.

After carefully examining the letters for the various churches, we find the churches generally in good spiritual condition. We note a gain in number of baptisms compared to last year of 10—the figures being 230 for 1908 and 240 for 1909.

But we find a small decrease in contributions for the various objects supported by our Association.

We are glad to note that the churches are waking up on the line of Sunday Schools—27 churches report Sunday schools as compared to 21 last year.

V. L. McTYER,
JOHN W. MARTIN,
E. S. COLLINS,
Committee.

Document No. 8.

Report on Orphans' Home.

We have, located at Hapeville, an Orphans' Home. The object of it is to care for the destitute and the Orphans. This care includes the feeding, clothing and housing of these little ones. Not only so, but the training of them for lives of usefulness in the homes, state and churches.

From them they are educated and trained in morals and as far as man can in the religion of Jesus Christ. And all of this requires money. They have no others to look to but the Baptists of Georgia and let us make this one of the objects of our Association's prayers and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. CORLEY, Chairman.

Document No. 9.

Report on Home Missions.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

As the Home Mission field is that covered by the Southern Baptist Convention, we are pleased to note some of the benefits that have come to us through great efforts and sacrifice of those preceding us. Our fathers did valiant service in training us up in the love and fear of God, by establishing churches and schools over this field. Hardly a place can be found but there is a church accessible. The old soldiers of the Cross that are fast passing into the beyond, got into our hearts through pulpit presentation and fireside talks the present thought of life, love and reverence of God. These kept before us the great merits of accepting and living the Truth.

Shall we do less for our children with all of the multiplications of means at our command, the results of Christian civilization. Can we not enlarge facilities for taking the world for Christ? Gratitude for the freedom we ourselves enjoy from heathen bondage should inspire us to an exercise of greater effort to disseminate and extend God's truth to all the ends of the world.

Affectionately submitted,
DAN W. HAMMACK, Chairman.

Document No. 10.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Concerning the work of Foreign Missions, during the past year, we have much for which to be grateful. Our God has graciously blessed the work of our devoted missionaries. We gratefully acknowledge His manifold mercies and blessings.

Southern Baptists gave last year \$460,797.00 for Foreign Missions, but they have a membership of over two and one-half millions. What they gave was something near twenty cents per member. There were 1267 Baptist churches in our Georgia Baptist Convention last year that did not give one cent to Foreign Missions. Brethren, eleven of those churches are in the Bethel Association. We are apportioned by the committee on co-operation \$2016.00. The Executive Committee divided this amount equably among the various churches, but at the end of

the year only \$985.13 had been given. This averages about 26c per member. Certainly there is nothing in these facts to tickle Baptist pride.

The need and the opportunity which the foreign field offers must forever shame and condemn the Christian who is not doing his very best for that work. Our responsibility has been increased by the very success of the work. The work has grown so large and has been crowned with such wonderful success that we are forced to give far more to this work in order to fill the large place God has opened for us.

Our missionaries on the foreign field have increased within the last ten years nearly four-fold, baptisms have multiplied nearly four-fold, the income has increased over four times and the increase of members has been slightly more than three times.

The figures for 1909 are as follows:

New missionaries sent out.....	21
Native workers on the field.....	375
Missionaries.....	231
Total membership.....	15596
Baptisms.....	2905
Churches.....	259
Sunday Schools.....	325
Sunday School Scholars.....	10430
Contribution of foreign churches and missionaries... ..	\$40,287.00
Hospitals.....	3
Dispensaries.....	11
Patients treated.....	42659
Day schools.....	128
Scholars.....	3270
Boys and Girls boarding schools	22
Scholars.....	1014
Training schools for women.....	4
Theological schools.....	8
Students.....	176
Printing plants.....	4

We make recommendations as follows:

1st. That the Foreign Missional Journal be widely circulated and faithfully read.

2nd. That we endeavor to have at least one mission study class in each of our churches.

3rd. That we follow the schedule and use earnest efforts to raise the appropriation which is \$1,700 for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT G. HASH,

J. M. BALKCOM,

Committee.

Document No. 11.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Introductory Sermon—C. J. White; alternate—J. W. Martin.

Missionary Sermon—G. V. Tilley; alternate W. L. Culberson.

Delegates to State Convention—G. V. Tilley, A. G. Hash, C. M. Murchison, J. W. Martin, J. W. Stanford, W. L. Culberson, D. W. Hammock, Henry Turner, C. J. White.

Trustee Norman Park College—John Underwood 3 years; A. G. Hash 1 year.

Southern Baptist Convention—G. V. Tilley; alternate A. G. Hash.

Executive Committee—A. G. Hash, A. L. Miller, C. M. Murchison, L. A. Duggan and D. W. Hammack.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD,

DAN W. HAMMACK.

J. M. JOHNSON.

Document No. 12.

Report on Temperance.

There is a river which winds through the beautiful plains of Hindostan, where millions gather to worship the waters. The Hindoo, we hear, believes when he drinks this water that health and beauty and long life will be his. We shudder when we read of their idolatry, but in this fair land of ours there flows a liquid not from bubbling springs, nor from mountain torrents, but from dark and hidden places. Men who drink of it know that neither health, beauty nor long life are there in that poisonous cup. They know homes are wrecked and prisons filled with its victims, yet how many today are slaves to the wine cup.

Drunkenness, it is said by those who have looked into the subject, has been a greater scourge to the United States than the swords of an invading army. Our wisest and best men have gathered and raised a banner and called on man and God to help in this battle against intemperance and bravely has Georgia responded. Prohibition has, in a large measure, checked this evil. Our laws are good, but we often hear prohibition does not prohibit, and why not? We men are not brave and true enough to enforce these laws. Other states are watching and inquiring of prohibition in Georgia. We regret to say drunkenness is still in the land.

We are admonished to be temperate in all things. God commands us to. To be Christlike we must be temperate.

J. N. MASSEE,

B. F. PEARCE,

Committee.

Document No. 13.

Report on Denominational Literature.

Realizing that we are a people with a particular mission and message to be delivered, it behooves us to search for the best method that can be had in order that our people shall become informed as to our many needs and what is best for them.

We have much literature that is full of information, yet our denominational literature is not properly read and put before the people. But nevertheless, we point the brethren to the Christian Index, our own State paper, The Baptist World and the publications by our own boards on Sunday Schools, Home Missions and Foreign Missions.

We recommend all the books named in the report of the committee last year. We urge our people to read these papers, and thereby acquaint themselves with the work of our Boards and Missionaries, and the manner in which this work is carried on, as well as for the enriching of their minds and hearts and their learning of the great God that made us.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. MILLER, Chairman,

W. H. JOINER,

W. F. DAVIS,

J. T. PEAK,

J. T. WORDS,

Committee.

Document No. 14.

Report on Sunday Schools.

We say, God bless the children, that they are the hope of the future generations, that unless they are properly trained we cannot expect the human race to be elevated or Christianity to prosper.

After some inquiry we are led to believe that this work in the bounds of our Association is prospering, and we are led also to believe that there is room for much work and greater efforts that may be made, thereby making improvements that would be beneficial.

At our meeting in 1908, 21 churches had Sunday schools; in 1909 we have reported an increase of 6, making a total now of 27. We thank God for this increase, but there are still some churches who do not have Sunday schools, these great helps to their permanent advancement. We are anxious to see the day when all our churches shall have not only Sunday schools, but live ones. Let us all pray and work for this glorious end.

We again recommend that our Executive Committee provide for a Sunday School Convention, and that annually, hereaf-

ter, our Sunday school workers may have an opportunity to meet and discuss, and put in operation plans for the furtherance of this great work.

Affectionately submitted,

B. W. ELLIS, Chairman.

Document No. 15.

Report on Ministerial Relief.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Relief, beg leave to submit the following report: I wish to say first that the writer is one of the old pioneer preachers himself, and from 40 years' experience in clearing and preparing the soil and sowing the good seed, can with joy look back over the fields and see they are dotted with churches. Other laborers have come behind us and are reaping the golden grain, and now that we are old and cannot go out and serve as we once did, shall we be turned out to graze and be forgotten? Nay, when the Master said go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, He said also I will be with you always, even unto the end. We can truly say the lines are fallen unto us in pleasant places. Yea, I have a goodly heritage. Psalms 16:6. I know how to be abased and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and suffer need. Phil. 4:12. Relief, relieve, to ease, to help, to succor, to aid. This implies there is a burden somewhere. We have the same burden as others have to care and provide for our loved ones. We believe the Master will keep his promise to the end and put in the minds and hearts of his people that we are not forgotten. Respectfully submitted,

E. S. CHESHIRE, Chairman.

Document No. 16.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

Your Committee on Obituaries submits the following report:

The entire membership of the Association was saddened to hear of the death of our beloved brother, Rev. L. L. Lyon, which occurred June 5th, 1909.

Of the character of Bro. Lyon it is sufficient to say, that those who knew him best loved him most. While we know not now, we bow to the decrees of our Father, knowing that He doeth all things well. We offer the following resolutions:

1st, That a page of our minutes be inscribed to the memory of Rev. L. L. Lyon.

2nd, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Sister Lyon with the assurance of our cordial sympathy and love.

We find reported this year the number of deaths at 35 against 42 last year.

We tender our sympathy and condolence to these bereaved

families and thank the loving Father for having spared so many of our loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,
E. S. COLLINS, Chairman.

Document No. 17.

Report on Woman's Work.

We find increasing pleasure in acknowledging the helpful co-operation of the Woman's Missionary Unions. They are steadily pursuing the work of instruction and enlistment of new forces. They are training a generation of children and young women, who will constitute an intelligent, consecrated leadership for the future. The foundations now laid by our women will be crowned in the near future with a superstructure of symmetry, beauty and efficiency, which shall gladden their hearts and mightily advance our great work of taking the Southland for Christ. The Union tries to become increasingly a force in missionary education. To this end they have chosen monthly programmes and increased the literature on those subjects. The women take kindly to the Mission Study Class. Their zeal compasses all departments of our mission work.

They are doing great things by their box work for Home Missions, especially on the frontier. The boxes sent to these missionaries have aggregated in value in one year \$23,671.46. The departments of the Union now number four—the Women's Missionary Society, the Young Woman's Auxiliary, the Sunbeam Band, and the Royal Ambassadors. The last is an order for the boys. There are two special responsibilities of the Union—the Margaret Home and the Training School. The Home is a place of refuge for missionaries' children who have been left destitute.

The training school is for the purpose of training young women, called of God, in Christian work, whether in the home land or in regions beyond the seas.

The consecrated Christian women of our South land are a mighty factor in furthering the kingdom of our Master. Their power is encreasing all the while.

Receipts and disbursements of W. B. M. U. of Georgia 1904-1908 inclusive—

Total of cash receipts.. . . .	\$116,385.03
Total cash and boxes.....	140,671.18
In 1904 total cash and box receipts	19,592.31
In 1908 total cash and box receipts..	40,193.64
An increase of \$20,601.33 in five years.	

Bethel Association has 15 or 16 societies, which have contributed over \$1,000 to all objects this year. They have recently held their own Association in the town of Cuthbert.

C. M. MURCHISON, Chairman.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

Article 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in divine perfection.

Article 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

Article 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on the principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

Article 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Article 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

Article 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by convention in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that it is only proper to have bishops, pastors and deacons.

Article 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

Article 11. We believe that communion is a church ordi-

nance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

Article 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it

when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association may order through her Executive Committee. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed unless suspended for a special object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions when seconded must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or use unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Morning.

- 10 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
- 11 A. M.—Introductory Sermon.

Tuesday Afternoon.

- 1. Former Moderator calls Association to order.
- 2. Devotional exercises.
- 3. Call roll of messengers.
- 4. Elect moderator and clerk.
- 5. Adopt order of business.
- 6. Hear applications for membership.
- 7. Fix hours of meeting and adjournment.
- 8. Call for correspondents and visitors.
- 9. Appoint the following committees: On Preaching, on Finance, on Digest of Letters, on Nominations.
- 10. Report on State Missions.
- 11. Miscellaneous business.

Wednesday Morning.

- 1. Devotional exercises.
- 2. Call for correspondents and visitors.
- 3. Report of Treasurer.
- 4. Elect Treasurer.
- 5. Report of Executive Committee.
- 6. Report on digest of letters and state of churches.
- 7. Report of Trustees of Bethel College.
- 8. Report on Education.
- 9. Adjourn for preaching.

Wednesday Afternoon.

- 1. Report of Auditing Committee.
- 2. Report on Orphan's Home.
- 3. Report on Missions.
- 4. Report of Committee on Nominations.
- 5. Report on Temperance.
- 6. Report on Obituaries.
- 7. Adjournment.

Thursday Morning.

- 1. Devotional exercises.
- 2. Report on Denominational Literature.
- 3. Report on Woman's Work.
- 4. Report on Sunday Schools.
- 5. Fix time and place for holding next session.

6. Appoint the following standing committees: On Home Missions, State Missions and Foreign Missions, on Sunday Schools, on Temperance, on Orphan's Home, on Education, on Denominational Literature, on Ministerial Relief, on Woman's Work, on Obituaries.

7. Report of Committee on Finance.
8. Arrange for printing minutes and paying clerk.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Adjournment.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICE	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE	COUNTY	Baptized	Rec. by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Died	Members Last Report	Present Membership
Arlington	J. A. Ivey, Dawson	W. J. Horsley, Arlington	Calhoun	19	11		3		3	100	121
Antioch	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood	W. F. Cross, Cuthbert	Clay	2						37	39
Bethel	J. E. Dykes, Blakely	A. L. Horne, Blakely	"	5	9					27	49
Bluffton	J. I. D. Miller, Cyrene	J. S. Haisten, Bluffton	"	1	1		6			62	62
Bethany	W. I. Moody, Boykin	W. F. Lawrence, Milford	Baker	1	13		4			90	100
Beulah	N. G. Christopher, Whigham	J. L. Ricks, Hilton	Early	1	1		4			45	42
Blakely	C. M. Murchison, Blakely	W. W. Fleming, Blakely	"	3	9	2	13	3	5	222	215
Carnegie	J. G. Corley, Blakely	Nelson Fellows, Blakely	Randolph	2	18		6			88	101
Coleman	P. C. Barkley	W. J. Ray, Coleman	"	15	4		8			82	93
Colomokee	J. G. Corley, Blakely	J. C. Balkcom, Blakely	Early	3	7		1			82	83
Cuthbert	Geo. V. Tilley, Cuthbert	J. B. Smith, Blakely	Randolph	4	17		24			248	243
Damascus, Early	S. J. Hargrove, Bronwood	Grady I. George, Kestler	Early	6	3		7	1	1	49	49
Damascus, Rand	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	J. T. Peak, Cuthbert	Randolph	10	10		3			181	198
Dover	A. B. Hawkes, Richland	James T. Wood, Dawson	Terrell	1			2			73	72
Edison	H. L. Crumley, Richland	H. E. Hammack, Edison	Calhoun	16	44		6			94	148
Enon											
Elim	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	J. T. Sauls, Shellman	Calhoun	6	3	1	3			115	122
Enterprise	C. J. White, Carnegie	A. H. Richardson, Bluffton	Clay	5	4		5	2		84	86
Fort Gaines	A. G. Hash, Fort Gaines	J. M. Culpepper, Jr, Ft. Gaines	"	28	8		5			180	211
Friendship	J. G. Corley, Blakely	W. H. Ferguson, Cuthbert	Randolph	8	1	3				88	94
Georgetown	J. F. Eden, Jr, Georgetown	H. M. Kaigier, Georgetown	Quitman	18	4		2	1	2	75	75
Herod	Z. T. Weaver, Reynolds	H. F. Melton, Dawson	Terrell	3			5			65	62
Hilton	J. E. Dykes, Blakely	C. A. Belisle, Blakely	Early				2			29	29
Leary	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	B. I. Keel, Leary	Calhoun	4	2	2	1			48	48
Lebanon	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	R. J. Krier, Sasser	Terrell	2	7		1		6	96	99
Midway											
Milford	John W. Martin, Cuthbert	Jesse W. Johnston, Leary	Baker				2	3		40	40
Morgan	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	C. B. Weaver, Morgan	Calhoun	6			5		1	134	134
Morris	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	J. W. Cumbie, Morris Station	Quitman	4			3			43	44
Mt. Gilead	A. C. Wellons, Plains	C. C. Lindsey, Ft. Gaines	Clay	2			1			42	43
Mt. Hebron	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	J. W. Fellows, Carnegie	Randolph	7	5		3			113	121
Mt. Vernon	A. C. Wellons, Plains	C. C. Pearce, Coleman	Clay	7	1		8		1	62	61
Mt. Zion	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	W. E. Pounds, Ft. Gaines	"	1			4			35	35
New Bethel		R. Ferguson, Cuthbert	Randolph	18	2		9		2	119	128
New Hope	John W. Martin, Cuthbert	W. A. Lindsey, Blakely	Early	14	12		6		3	184	184
Pine View	E. T. Dawson, Brinson	G. W. Anderson, Blakely	"	5	1		3	1		58	58
Providence	E. E. Dawson, Brinson	W. E. Hayes, Blakely	"	3	4	2	12	1	1	66	61
Pretoria	J. I. D. Miller, Cyrene	H. W. Kimsy, Albany	Dough'ty	2			5				
Rehoboth	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	H. J. Edwards, Shellman	Randolph	7			5	1	1	127	127
Salem	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	S. W. Manry, Edison	Calhoun	13	1		19	4	1	247	238
Shellman	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	R. T. Watson, Shellman	Randolph	7			8	1	1	145	142
Springvale	J. F. Eden, Jr, Georgetown	G. W. Davis, Springvale	"	1	2		2			29	29
Shiloh	W. H. Norton, Fort Valley	T. R. Smith, Morris Station	Clay	3	2				1	41	45
Vilulah	M. B. L. Binion, Parrot	B. E. Joiner, Coleman	Randolph	2	7	1	4	2		162	166

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	Superintendent and Postoffice.		Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Number of Baptisms
Arlington	G. W. Harrison	Arlington	9	87	10
Antioch					
Bluffton					
Bethel	J. E. Mansfield	Bluffton	7	36	1
Bethany	O. A. Jordan	Milford	6	58	
Beulah					
Blakely	John Underwood	Blakely	14	105	
Carnegie	I. L. Castellow	Carnegie	6	45	
Coleman	Joe Ray	Coleman			
Colomokee	J. M. Balkcom	Blakely			1
Cuthbert	T. F. Moody	Cuthbert	11	130	
Damascus (Early)	James McNamara	Kestler			
Damascus (an.)	C. D. Peak	Cuthbert	3	37	
Dover	E. H. Heidt	Dawson			
Edison	Henry Turner	Edison	10	80	16
Enon					
Elim			4	75	
Enterprise					
Fort Gaines	J. E. Paullin	Fort Gaines	14	110	
Friendship	J. H. Manry	Cuthbert	3	25	
Georgetown	G. O. Kaigler	Georgetown	6	49	10
Herod	J. H. McLendon	Dawson	5	30	
Hilton					
Leary					
Lebanon	R. J. Grier	Sasser	10	50	
Midway					
Milford					
Morgan	J. J. Beck	Morgan	5	40	
Morris	J. W. Cumbie	Morris Station	4	25	
Mt. Gilead					
Mt. Hebron					
Mt. Vernon					
Mt. Zion					
New Bethel	Richmond Ferguson	Cuthbert	4	43	13
New Hope	S. A. Lindsey	Blakely	7	68	
Pine View	J. B. Turner	Blakely	5		
Providence	I. M. Hobbs	Blakely			
Pretoria					
Rehoboth	J. E. Henier	Shellman	5	40	5
Salem	S. W. Manry	Edison	6	65	
Shellman	J. R. Powell	Shellman	9	80	
springvale					
Shiloh	R. D. Crozier	Morris Station	5		3
Vilulah	R. A. Lindsey	Coleman			

FINANCIAL TABLE OF CH

CHURCHES	Expenses of Association	State Missions				Home Missions				Foreign Missions				Ministerial Relief				Ministerial Education				Orphans' Home				Schools and Colleges			
		Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up	Previous	Contrib.	Cash	Sent Up
Arlington	\$ 1 50			\$ 1 00				\$ 5 00				\$10 00																	
Antioch				50						4 20								35							\$38 10				
Bluffton	1 00			1 00																					4 80				
Bethel	1 50	31 60			24 05					33 00									21 66						2 00				
Bethany	1 20							3 00																	3 00				
Beulah	2 00	8 00			8 00					8 00									123 11						2 00				
Blakely	2 50	143 40			32 70					70 00				1 50				14 50				108 11				17 00			
Carnegie	1 50	66 17																											
Coleman	3 00				72 23														20 00										
Colomokee	2 00	10 00			10 00					6 59								2 39							2 78				
Cuthbert	3 50	80 27			111 51					114 20			25 40					32 75				50 20			138 40				
Damascus (Early)	1 00	7 72								1 80	1 50			1 00				1 80					2 00		2 12				
Damascus (Ran.)	2 50	12 50			3 00					15 00								3 50				44 00							
Dover	2 00	13 50	2 00		3 50	3 00				3 50			1 60	4 15			10 20	2 35			11 33	20 00				2 30			
Edison	4 00	56 07			35 88					40 85							2 60				20 00								
Elim	2 00	6 00	5 00			5 00					5 00											12 10							
Enterprise	1 00	8 85			7 50					9 17			1 95				3 65				26 75				2 50				
Fort Gaines	3 00	124 17			116 18					220 18			12 65				27 25				141 60				61 00				
Friendship	1 50	14 90	5 00		15 00	5 00				28 70	5 00			3 20			2 55	5 00			32 64	10 00				5 00			
Georgetown	2 00	17 70			21 06					19 68			2 00				2 31				11 00				5 60				
Herod	1 45	11 00			12 50					14 20			3 00				4 00				14 00				2 20				
Hilton	68		2 50			2 00					2 00											4 00							
Leary	3 00	3 67			3 68																								
Lebanon	2 00	70 20																			19 25								
Milford	2 00		3 96			1 25					1 45			2 00			2 25					2 40							
Morgan	2 00		11 24							15 00																			
Morris	1 50	12 00			12 00					14 00			2 00				1 30				6 82								
Mt. Gilead	1 00		15 00			1 05				1 80				3 00							1 00	5 00							
Mt. Hebron	2 00																												
Mt. Vernon	1 50		10 00							2 80	1 35											3 00							
Mt. Zion	1 00		3 10		8 00	2 00				2 00	4 95		80		50							4 70							
New Bethel	2 00	29 50			30 00					28 08							3 70				25 40								
New Hope	2 50		4 55			4 50					1 35			2 00								4 55							
Pine View	1 00		2 00			2 00					50				90		1 00					1 00							
Providence	50		5 50			5 00					3 00			2 00			1 55					5 00							
Pretoria	1 00		3 05			1 00					1 00											2 00							
Rehoboth	2 00					14 80															12 00								
Salem	3 50	39 00			57 60					66 49							14 40				33 90								
Shellman	2 50	23 12								50 14							4 00												
Springvale	1 50	21 05			6 00					6 80			2 65				2 10				9 00				1 90				
Shiloh	1 00	10 00																											
Vilulah	2 50	13 16			17 52					8 04			8 45				3 37				18 99								

MINUTES OF W. B. M. U.

Tuesday Morning, October 19th, 1909.

The annual meeting of W. B. M. U. Auxiliary of Bethel Association convened with Cuthbert Baptist Church, October 19th, 1909.

Meeting opened with prayer by Miss Emma Amos.

The following churches were represented:

Arlington—Mesdames W. L. Collins, S. T. Nance, John Moore.

Bluffton—Mrs. W. F. Davis, Misses Ingram and Ruby Mansfield.

Coleman—Mesdames D. W. Hammack, W. J. Ray.

Damascus—Mrs. C. H. Peak.

Edison—Mesdames Jim Napier, Monroe Stewart, H. Griffin, C. Sheppard, George Wiggins, Homer Hammack.

Enterprise—Mesdames McKinnon, Ed Richardson, Arthur Richardson, John Rish.

Morgan—Mrs. A. K. Hawkes.

Shellman—Mesdames W. S. Curry, M. S. Watts, C. W. Martin, Leon Mullins, H. D. Mashburn.

Blakely—Mesdames C. M. Murchison and L. D. Gay.

Fort Gaines—Mesdames A. G. Hash and E. J. Hobbs.

Miss Lillie B. Farnum and Mrs. T. B. Hendricks were elected to act as Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer temporarily.

The regular program was rendered.

A committee was appointed to select a name for Superintendent for this Auxiliary. The Committee, Mesdames L. E. Gay, Dan Hammack, Shaw, Curry and Murchison, selected the name of Mrs. Lillie B. Farnum for Superintendent.

Tuesday Afternoon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In order of business.

Taylor's map of section embracing Bethel Association was presented and most highly approved.

Motion was made and carried to thank Mrs. Taylor for her most efficient work while serving the Auxiliary as Superintendent.

Next place for meeting will be Arlington. Time: Thursday and Friday after the third Sunday in October, 1910.

Motion made and carried that each member of the Auxiliary pay 5c per month and that any freewill offering be received toward a fund to bear the expenses of the Superintendent.

The Executive Committee was appointed: Mrs. John Gunn, Chairman; Mrs. L. D. Gay; Mrs. W. D. Cowdrey, Mrs. J. E. Paulin, Mrs. Dan Hammack, Mrs. Bunk Martin, Mrs. M. S. Watts.

Motion made and carried that the Executive Committee have privilege of making any necessary change in the Auxiliary.

Wednesday Morning.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

In order of business.

Motion was made and carried that each Society contribute to Miss Perry.

Motion was carried to have order of business printed in minutes.

Motion was made to write resolution of thanks.

Resolution of Thanks.

Be it Resolved, 1st, That inasmuch as the good people of the Cuthbert Baptist church have thrown wide open their loving hearts and homes to us, and given us a most gracious Christian welcome, we hereby extend to them the heartfelt thanks of this body, assuring them of a lasting and loving place in our hearts and memories. We are indebted to them for many kindnesses and untiring attentions, and we heartily respond.

2. We thank most cordially Bro. Tilley for his earnest and helpful talk to the body on Light Overcoming Darkness, and on awakening our sisters to greater service.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

No business came before the assembly.

After regular program meeting adjourned.

Societies and Officers.

Cuthbert—Mrs. L. A. Duggan, President; Mrs. L. E. Gay, Secretary.

Fort Gaines—Mrs. J. J. Chitty, President; Mrs. L. P. Brown, Secretary.

Blakely—Miss Florence Prince, President; Mrs. Ed Chan-
cy, Secretary.

Coleman—Mrs. W. J. Ray, President; Mrs. L. Martin, Secretary.

Bluffton—Mrs. W. F. Davis, President; Miss Ruby Mansfield,, Secretary.

Shellman—Mrs. H. D. Watson, President; Mrs. H. D. Mashburn, Secretary.

Arlington—Mrs. W. L. Collins, President; Mrs. S. T. Nance, Secretary.

Damascus—Mrs. E. G. Sandlin, Rt. 4, Cuthbert, President; Mrs. Chester H. Peak, Rt. 4, Cuthbert, Secretary.

Edison—Mrs. H. E. Hammaçk, President.

Enterprise—Mrs. Emma D. Rish, Edison, President; Mrs. Mattie Richardson, Edison, Secretary.

Morgan—Mrs. J. M. Newton, President; Mrs. Truman Tinsley, Secretary.

Contributions for All Purposes.

Cuthbert Society.. .. .	\$212.30
Fort Gaines.. .. .	248.55
Blakely.....	97.50
Coleman.....	34.36
Enterprise.....	32.50
Bluffton.....	28.35
Shellman.....	99.07
Arlington.....	28.00
Damascus.....	45.45
Edison.....	31.60
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Total.....	\$858.18
Benevolence at home.....	204.12
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	\$1062.30

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. G. Corley.....	Route 1, Blakely, Ga.
E. S. Cheshire.....	Route 3, Blakely, Ga.
W. L. Culbertson.....	Shellman, Ga.
J. E. Dykes.....	Route 3, Blakely, Ga.
T. A. Fellows.....	Carnegie, Ga.
A. G. Hash.....	Fort Gaines, Ga.
W. D. Hammock.....	Coleman, Ga.
John Martin.....	Shellman, Ga.
John W. Martin.....	Cuthbert, Ga.
C. M. Murchison.....	Blakely, Ga.
J. W. Sauls.....	Shellman, Ga.
S. F. Sullivan.....	Morgan, Ga.
Geo. V. Tilley.....	Cuthbert, Ga.
C. J. White.....	Carnegie, Ga.

MINUTES
—OF THE—
SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
—OF THE—
Bethel Baptist Association
—HELD WITH—

GEORGETOWN BAPTIST CHURCH,

Quitman County, Ga., October 25th, 26th and 27th, 1910.

OFFICERS:

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| A. L. Miller, Moderator | Edison, Ga. |
| W. W. Fleming, Clerk | Blakely, Ga. |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

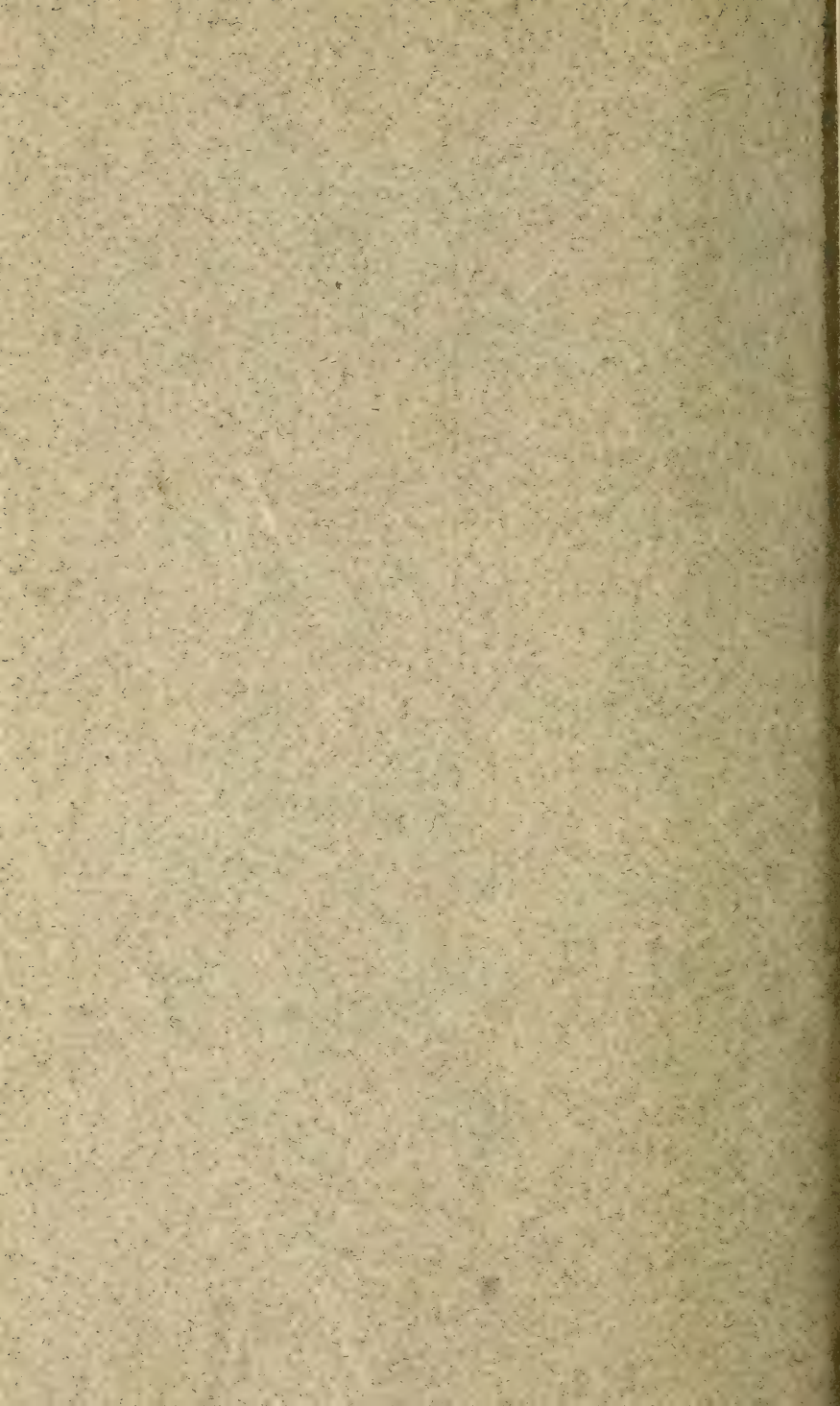
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| A. G. Hash, | Fort Gaines, Ga. |
| A. L. Miller | Edison, Ga. |
| G. V. Tilley | Cuthbert, Ga. |
| L. A. Duggan | Cuthbert, Ga. |
| D. W. Hammack | Coleman, Ga. |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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| Introductory Sermon... | A. G. Hash; alternate J. G. Corley |
| Missionary Sermon.... | O. L. Jones; alternate J. W. Watson |

Next Session will be held with Enterprise Baptist Church,
Clay county, Ga., beginning on Tuesday after the
fourth Sunday in October, 1911, at 10 A. M.

Early County News Job Print, Blakely, Ga.



MINUTES.

Georgetown, Ga., Oct. 25, 1910.

The 78th annual session of Bethel Association met this day with the church at Georgetown, Ga., at 10 o'clock a. m. Rev. Wm. D. Hammack conducted prayer and praise service.

Introductory sermon by Rev. John W. Martin. Text 1st verse 2nd chapter Ephesians.

Afternoon Session.

Former Moderator called Association to order.

Called roll of messengers:

Roll of Messengers.

Arlington—W. C. Wiggins.

Antioch—Bro. J. W. Beauchamp, John Griffith, R. A. Boyett.

Bluffton—J. E. Mansfield, A. D. Ingram.

Bethel—O. A. Cox, Purdie Moore.

Bethany—E. G. Lawrence.

Beulah—

Blakely—W. W. Fleming.

Carnegie—J. W. Swann, C. J. White.

Colomokee—J. G. Corley, J. M. Balkcom.

Coleman—Dan W. Hammock, Wm. D. Hammock.

Cuthbert—Geo. V. Tilley, T. F. Moody, J. W. Stanford, L.

A. Duggan, J. N. Stanford.

Damascus (Early)—

Damascus (Randolph)—J. T. Peak, Wm. Ford, H. O. Clark.

Dover—S. M. Patrick.

Edison—A. L. Miller, V. L. McTyer.

Enon—J. W. Lanier, Lonnie Tye.

Elim—W. H. Johnson, J. W. Sauls.

Enterprise—R. G. Smith, A. K. Smith.

Fort Gaines—A. G. Hash, E. J. Hobbs. C. H. Chitty, B. T. Castellow.

Friendship—T. T. Trippe, Robert Martin, Jr., Greely Bynum, E. E. Robinson.

Georgetown—Rev. J. W. Watson, Collier Franklin, H. M. Kaigler, A. A. Hasty.

Herod—H. F. Melton.

Hilton—C. A. Belisle.

Leary—

Lebaron—R. M. Anthony, J. M. Varner.

Midway—A. T. King, R. A. Coleman.

Milford—

Morgan—Charlie Davis.

Morris—J. B. Oliver, R. A. J. Boyett.

Mt. Gilead—C. C. Lindsey, A. S. Crapps.
 Mt. Hebron—J. W. Martin, Z. T. Nichols, A. W. Dawson,
 A. J. Ivey.
 Mt. Vernon—A. C. Sutton, C. C. Pearce.
 Mt. Zion—W. C. Belisle.
 New Bethel—J. T. Stewart, O. H. Jordan, Sam Jones
 Jordan.
 New Hope—J. J. McLendon, Sr., W. K. George, T. C. Wat-
 son.

Pine View—

Pretoria—

Providence—Mack Temple and J. O. Sherling.

Rehoboth—J. E. Lanier, H. J. Edwards.

Salem—G. D. Ragan, S. W. Manry, J. B. Turner.

Shellman—John Martin, W. A. Mason, R. B. Martin, Sr.

Shiloh—J. A. Shelton.

Springvale—J. N. Massee, Will Cobb.

Vilulah—J. T. Roberts, B. E. Joiner.

Permanent organization was effected by re-electing Bro. A. L. Miller as Moderator and W. W. Fleming as Clerk.

On motion adopted same order business as last year.

Fixed hours of meeting and adjourning: Meet 9 a. m., ad-
 journ at 10:45; meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at will.

Called for correspondence and visitors. The following were
 announced: Rev. R. A. Morgan from Summerhill Association;
 Dr. J. A. French, pastor of the First Baptist church of Eufaula,
 Ala.; Rev. E. T. Dawson, of Bowen Association; Rev. T. P.
 Bell of the Christian Index; and Rev. O. L. Jones, of Norman
 Park.

Chair appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—J. W. Watson, H. M. Kagler, —. —. Cham-
 bliss, D. M. Davidson and delegates from Georgetown church.

On Finance—C. H. Chitty, J. E. Mansfield, R. G. Smith and
 G. D. Ragan.

On Digest of Letters—T. F. Moody, V. L. McTyer, J. T.
 Stewart, J. W. Sauls and H. J. Edwards.

On Nominations—J. W. Stanford, D. W. Hammock, J. G.
 Corley, J. N. Massee.

Report on State Missions submitted by Bro. A. G. Hash.
 (See Document No. 1.) Spoken to by Revs. T. P. Bell, R. A.
 Morgan and Wm. D. Hammock.

The following resolution was offered and adopted: "That
 we make the hour for preaching Wednesday night the special
 order for special prayer and supplication to God to raise up from
 among our young men more laborers for His vineyard and that
 the service be led by Brother J. W. Stanford."

Wednesday Morning.

Devotional services by Rev. J. W. Martin.

Report of Treasurer read by Bro. L. A. Duggan, Treasurer. (See Doc. 2.) Referred to finance committee.

Bro. L. A. Duggan was re-elected as Treasurer.

Report of Executive Committee read by the Secretary, Bro. Geo. V. Tilley. (See Doc. 3.) Spoken to by Bro. L. A. Duggan, Bro. A. L. Miller, Bro. A. G. Hash. Report adopted.

Committee on Digest of Letters was granted further time.

Report of Committee on Bethel College was read by Bro. J. W. Stanford. (See Doc. 4.) Report adopted.

Committee on Education submitted report. Read by Clerk. (See Doc. 5.) In connection with the report on Education Bro. O. L. Jones made a report on Norman Park Institute. (See Doc. 6.) He spoke interestingly of the school and of Bro. Carl DeVane. Dr. T. P. Bell spoke interestingly of Shorter College. Bro. Dan W. Hammock spoke of Bessie Tift College. Bro. Hash spoke to the report. Report amended to insert mention of Shorter College.

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters was read by Chairman, T. F. Moody. (See Doc. 7.) Report adopted as amended.

Dr. J. A. French spoke most interestingly and entertainingly on Denominational Education.

Adjourned to hear Missionary Sermon by Rev. G. V. Tilley. At the close of the sermon a voluntary offering for State Missions was taken up amounting to \$36.02.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Dr. J. J. Bennett.

Report of Auditing Committee passed.

Report on Orphans' Home read by Bro. J. W. Stanford. (See Doc. 8.) Spoken to by Dr. T. P. Bell and Bro. T. F. Moody. Report adopted.

Visitors announced: Bros. G. L. Comer, Moderator of Eufaula Association, and N. A. Couric, C. B. Fisher, C. F. Massey, deacons of Eufaula Association; Dr. J. J. Bennett, secretary of State Convention Board, G. S. Hamburger, member of Laymen's Missionary Committee of the State Convention.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Clerk. (See Doc. 9.) Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions passed.

Report on Nominations read by Bro. J. W. Stanford. (See Doc. 10.) Report adopted.

Report on Temperance read by Clerk. (See Doc. 11.) Spoken to by Hon. S. A. Roddenbery. The Association, by a rising vote, tendered Bro. Roddenbery its hearty thanks for his splendid address. Report adopted.

On motion agreed to hold a two hour business session tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, in lieu of the special prayer service heretofore set for tonight.

Wednesday Night Session.

Prayer by Rev. A. G. Hash.

Called for report on Home Missions. The chairman, Bro. C. J. White, of committee, not being present, on motion he was given another twelve months in which to prepare this report.

Heard a most interesting address from Bro. G. S. Hamburger on the Laymen's Missionary movement.

Rev. W. A. Mason spoke upon the Home Mission question.

Report on Ministerial Relief called for. Read by Bro. Geo. V. Tilley. (See Doc. 13.) Report adopted. Spoken to by Bro. Tilley, Bro. Dan W. Hammock, Bro. J. W. Stanford and Bro. A. G. Hash.

Report on Denominational Literature was read by Clerk in absence of chairman of committee. (See Doc. 14.) Report adopted.

Report on Woman's work read by Bro. J. W. Martin. (See Doc. 15.) Spoken to by Bro. Martin, Bro. Dan W. Hammock, Bro. A. G. Hash and Bro. John Martin. Report adopted.

Thursday Morning Session.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. J. W. Stanford.

The following resolution was offered and on motion was adopted: "On account of the short time remaining in which to complete the business of the Association, be it resolved that all speeches be limited to five minutes each."

Report on Sunday schools submitted by Bro. J. W. Sauls. (See Doc. 16.) Spoken to by Bros. J. W. Stanford, G. V. Tilley, J. I. D. Miller, T. F. Moody and D. W. Hammock. Report adopted.

Report on Laymen's Movement read by Bro. L. A. Duggan. (See Doc. 17.) Spoken to by Bro. W. A. Mason. Report adopted as amended.

Fixed time and place of next meeting at Enterprise church, Clay county, five miles west of Edison, on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1911.

Moderator announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Standing Committees.

Home Missions—J. W. Watson, R. G. Smith, J. W. Craft, E. J. Hobbs and T. T. Trippe.

State Missions—John W. Martin, H. J. Edwards, R. A. J. Boyett, J. J. McLendon, J. E. Lanier.

Foreign Missions—G. V. Tilley, D. W. Hammock, A. K. Smith, J. M. Varner, Z. T. Nichols and A. J. Ivey.

Sunday Schools—T. F. Moody, H. F. Melton, A. T. King, A. W. Dawson, O. H. Jordan.

Temperance—J. N. Massee, J. T. Stewart, J. J. McLendon, S. W. Manry, Sr., V. L. McTyer.

Orphans' Home—J. W. Stanford, G. D. Ragan, V. L. McTyer, R. E. Joiner and J. T. Roberts.

Education—O. L. Jones, J. A. Shelton, A. C. Sutton, C. C. Pearce and T. C. Watson.

Denominational Literature—J. G. Corley, C. H. Chitty, O. H. Kaigler, J. E. Mansfield and B. T. Castellow.

Ministerial Relief—Wm. D. Hammock, C. J. White, J. M. Balkcom, J. T. Peak and T. M. Matthews.

Woman's Work—A. G. Hash, J. G. Corley, W. A. Mason, G. V. Tilley.

Obituaries—J. W. Sauls, B. E. Joiner, W. K. George, W. C. Wiggins, C. A. Belisle and G. D. Ragan.

Laymen's Movement—L. A. Duggan, J. W. Stanford, T. F. Moody, B. T. Castellow and S. W. Manry, Sr.

Report of committee on finance read and adopted. (See Doc. 18.)

Payment of Clerk fixed at \$25. Balance of funds appropriated for printing minutes, and the minutes of the W. M. U. to be included.

Report of messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. G. V. Tilley, read. Spoken to by Bro. A. G. Hash. Report adopted. (See Doc. 19.)

The following resolutions of thanks offered by Bro. Moody were adopted by a rising vote:

Resolution of Thanks.

Be it resolved, 1st, That inasmuch as the good people of Georgetown have thrown wide open their loving hearts and homes to us, and given us a most gracious Christian welcome, we hereby extend to them the heartfelt thanks of this body, assuring them of a lasting and loving place in our hearts and memories. We are indebted to them for many kindnesses and untiring attentions, and we heartily respond.

2. We thank most cordially Bro. Watson for his earnest and helpful attentions.

Resolution adopted that the Association re-establish the custom of holding general meetings on fifth Sundays and that the first one be held at Shellman, Bro. W. A. Mason to provide program.

On motion Bro. C. J. White was granted permission to submit report on Home Missions. (See Doc. 20.) Report adopted.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to print the "Schedule"

in the minutes. (See Doc. 21.) The hour of adjournment having arrived the Association sang "God be with you till we meet again," and struck the parting hand.

A. L. MILLER, Moderator.

W. W. FLEMING, Clerk.

Document Number 1.

Report on State Missions.

It is a most hopeful sign that our people are exercising more interest in State Missions. This work is growing in importance and receiving large attention in every State in our Southern Zion. Ten years ago all the Southern convention gave only \$125,000 to State Missions. Last year Texas alone gave \$132,000. Georgia caught the spirit and gave last year about twice as much as she did five years ago.

The realization of the fundamental and prime importance in State Mission work is apparent in the fact that from Maryland to the Gulf there has been an increase of 25 per cent in gifts to this object. This is indicative of spiritual discernment and a purpose to do that for which the church exists. The spiritual results we have been glad to note, have far outstripped the enlarged gifts, which were simply tokens of Christian patriotism and concern for the lost. The call for State Missions is but the call for the evangelization of our own beloved Georgia, its cities, its towns, its villages, its country sections, yea, all points and places of need.

God has given to Georgia a commonwealth unsurpassed in all the elements of wealth and capacity to support a vast population, the population is rapidly coming, especially here in our own South Georgia. Much of it is unacquainted with the faith held by the Baptists, which we believe to be that once delivered to the Saints; for which they are exhorted earnestly to contend. It becomes us, as we love the truths of our faith, to strive earnestly to impart it to the people who are with us, and who are fast coming to us. It is estimated that there are in Georgia today over one half million of our white race who are unreached and unsaved by the gospel. As long as this condition exists no one can say that it is the spirit of the Master to neglect such an opportunity, and devote all our time, energy and money to other fields in the name of world wide evangelization; for whatever does not begin at our door is not world-wide.

Here is Christ's plan of procedure in the work of missions: "Ye shall be witnesses to me both in Jerusalem and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the world." We, as

Baptists, taking our place in the front ranks as to obedience, recognize and emphasize missionary work, according to these geographical lines. The latest figures for our State mission work are as follows:

Departments of work:

Sunday schools,
Prison work,
W. M. U. Department,
Bible institute work,
Schools,
Evangelism,
Associational missionaries.

Workers on the field....	123
Weeks of labor....	3315
Baptisms.....	3773
Received by letter..	2411
Received by restoration	97
Total received into the church....	6281
Church houses begun.....	57
Collections cash....	\$15948.39
Storm destroyed churches helped..	6 or more
Sunday Schools organized.....	54
New testaments distributed..	574
Pupils in Sunday School....	129,242
Aged and infirm ministers given help	50
Orphans cared for..	180

Brethren of the Bethel Association, let us not be backward in our help to our State Board. The churches will generally respond to the appeals of their pastors, when informed of their needs, and God requires faithfulness on our part. We are his undershepherds to lead his people to know and to do their duty. The people look to us to teach and lead them, setting the example by regular and liberal giving.

We see from the "Exhibit of Appeal" that we are asked in our Association to give during the coming year to State Missions \$11150. Follow the schedule, take collections monthly and you will be astonished and gratified at the results. Therefore, be it recommended that the churches make honest effort during the year before us to respond fully to the appeal, and to that end every pastor be urged to, at least, once during the year to present the work of the State Board of Missions to all his congregation and take a collection for this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT G. HASH, Chairman

Document Number 2.

L. A. DUGGAN, Treasurer, in account with Bethel Association.

1909	Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 27, To balance on hand.....	\$ 7.27	
Oct. 29, To amount from Finance Committee....	284.07	
Oct. 29, To Public collection for Ministers..	25.79	
Oct. 29, To amount from Mt. Vernon church	14.35	
Oct. 29, To amount from Carnegie church	1.50	
Nov. 2, By amount to W. W. Fleming, Clerk, ..		77.35
Nov. 22, By amount to J. J. Bennett, D. D.		248.38
1910—Mch. 24, To amt. from Shiloh church..	2.50	
Mch. 25, By amount sent to J. J. Bennett, D. D. ..		2.50
Oct. 21, By postage, etc., G. V. Tilly, Sec. Ex. Com.		1.00
Oct. 25, By balance on hand.....		6.27
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	\$335.48	\$335.48

C. A. DeVane Fund.

1909—Oct. 27, To amount public collection..	\$ 23.90	
Oct. 29, By check sent to C. A. DeVane..		23.90
To amount collected from churches..	102.91	
1910—Jan. 10, By check sent to C. A. DeVane..		11.20
Feb. 25, By check sent to C. A. DeVane..		10.00
Mch. 29, By check sent to C. A. DeVane..		10.00
May 3, By check sent to C. A. DeVane..		20.00
Oct. 6, By check sent to C. A. DeVane..		15.00
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	\$126.81	\$90.00
By balance on hand..		36.71
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	\$126.81	\$126.81

To balance on hand \$36.71; brought down \$6.27; total balance on hand \$42.98.

Amounts from Churches to C. A. DeVane Fund.

1910—Jan. 10, Cuthbert church.....	\$11.70
January 31, Fort Gaines church..	10.00
February 7, Bluffton church ..	4.00
February 10, Salem church.....	8.00
February 14, Shiloh church	2.00
February 22, Herod church..	3.00
February 22, Midway church...	2.00
February 23, Colomokee church..	6.00
February 23, Coleman church..	6.00
February 27, Milford church....	2.00
March 4, Vilulah church..	2.96

March 5, Morgan church.....	6.00
March 8, Mt. Hebron church	6.00
March 14, Pine View church	3.00
March 14, Enon church.....	2.00
March 17, Lebanon church.. ..	4.00
April 8, Mt. Zion church.. ..	2.00
April 19, Georgetown church....	3.00
April 26, Friendship church... ..	3.00
May 2, Beulah church....	2.00
June 7. Blakely church... ..	16.25

Total..... \$102.91

We, your committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's report, beg leave to report that we have examined same with his vouchers and find the report correct.

C. H. CHITTY, Chairman,

R. G. SMITH,

G. D. RAGAN,

Finance Committee.

Document Number 3.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report: The committee met in Cuthbert January 19th, and organized. Bro. A. G. Hash was elected chairman. Bro. C. M. Murchison having left the Association, G. V. Tilley was appointed to fill the vacancy, and was also elected secretary of the committee.

The situation was thoroughly discussed, and as the State Mission Board could not co-operate with us in putting a Missionary in the field, we found it impossible to continue the work along that line.

A communication was received from Enterprise church, asking the endorsement of the committee for an appropriation of \$100 from the State Mission Board, and it was given. The State Board later made the appropriation and the church will receive the amount in December next. An amount sufficient in the judgment of the committee to pay the expenses of Bro. Carl DeVane, at Norman Park Institute, and the expenses of the Committee was apportioned among the churches and the Secretary was instructed to notify the churches of the apportionment.

On April 8th the committee met. Bro. Duggan, Treasurer, reported that \$102.41 had been received on the DeVane fund and for expenses of committee.

On July 4th the Committee met. The State Mission Board kindly offered the Association an evangelist for July and August, and the Committee accepted the offer. Bro. B. M. Pack came

and labored faithfully for six weeks with pastors, and the Lord blessed their labors.

On October 25th apportionment for objects of Convention were adopted. (See apportionment sheet.)

Total collected..	\$126.81
Total paid out....	90.10

Balance on hand....	\$36.71
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The Committee recommends that the Association continue to aid Bro. Carl DeVane, who is now in Sophomore Class in Mercer University.

A. G. HASH, Chairman.

G. V. TILLEY, Secretary.

Document No. 4.

Report of Bethel College Trustees.

We respectfully submit the following report: Since our last session the sale of the building and grounds has been made to the city of Cuthbert for \$4500.00, in five payments of \$900.00 each year, with interest. A warrantee deed was made and delivered and possession given, for which five purchase money notes were taken. The first one matures next month. They are in the hands of your trustees, who are carefully looking after their collection and your every interest in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD, President.

B. W. ELLIS, Clerk.

**Exhibit, Showing Division of \$5,250.00 Among the Churches of
the Bethel Association, for Which Appeal Is Made.**

	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Ministerial Relief	Ministerial Education	Schools and Colleges
Bethel Association	\$1156 00	\$945 00	\$1575 00	\$525 00	\$210 00	\$367 50	\$472 00
Arlington	26 62	21 78	36 30	12 10	4 84	8 47	10 89
Antioch	8 58	7 02	11 70	3 90	1 56	2 73	3 51
Bethel	10 78	8 82	14 70	4 90	1 96	3 43	4 41
Bluffton	13 64	11 16	18 60	6 20	2 48	4 34	5 58
Bethany	22 00	18 00	30 00	10 00	4 00	7 00	9 00
Beulah	9 24	7 56	12 60	4 20	1 68	2 94	3 70
Blakely	47 30	38 70	64 50	21 50	8 60	15 05	19 35
Carnegie	22 22	18 18	30 30	10 10	4 04	7 07	9 09
Coleman	20 46	16 74	27 90	9 30	3 72	6 51	8 37
Colomokee	20 26	14 94	24 90	8 30	3 32	5 81	7 47
Cuthbert	53 46	43 74	72 90	24 30	9 72	17 01	21 87
Damascus (Early)	10 78	8 82	14 70	4 90	1 96	3 43	4 41
Damascus (Ran.)	43 56	35 64	59 40	19 80	7 92	13 86	17 82
Dover	15 64	12 96	21 60	7 20	2 88	5 04	6 48
Edison	32 56	26 64	48 40	14 80	5 92	10 36	13 32
Enon	15 64	12 96	21 60	7 20	2 88	5 04	6 48
Elim	26 84	21 96	36 60	12 20	4 88	8 54	10 98
Enterprise	18 92	15 48	25 80	8 60	3 44	6 02	7 74
Fort Gaines	46 42	37 98	63 30	21 10	8 44	14 77	18 99
Friendship	20 68	16 92	28 20	9 40	3 76	6 58	8 46
Georgetown	16 50	13 50	22 50	7 50	3 00	5 25	6 75
Herod	13 64	11 16	18 60	6 20	2 48	4 34	5 58
Hilton	6 38	5 22	8 70	2 90	1 16	2 03	2 61
Leary	10 56	8 64	14 40	4 80	1 92	3 36	4 32
Lebanon	21 78	17 82	29 70	9 90	3 96	6 93	8 91
Midway	6 38	5 22	8 70	2 90	1 16	2 03	2 61
Milford	8 80	7 20	12 00	4 00	1 60	2 80	3 60
Morgan	29 48	24 12	40 20	13 40	5 36	9 38	12 06
Morris	9 68	7 92	13 20	4 40	1 76	3 08	3 96
Mt. Gilead	9 46	7 74	12 90	4 30	1 72	3 01	3 87
Mt. Hebron	26 62	21 78	36 30	12 10	4 84	8 47	10 89
Mt. Vernon	13 42	10 98	18 30	6 10	2 44	4 27	5 49
Mt. Zion	7 70	6 30	10 50	3 50	1 40	2 45	3 15
New Bethel	28 16	23 04	38 40	12 80	5 12	8 96	11 52
New Hope	40 48	33 12	55 20	18 40	7 36	12 88	16 56
Pine View	12 76	10 64	17 40	5 80	2 32	3 56	5 22
Providence	13 42	10 98	18 30	6 10	2 44	4 27	5 49
Pretoria	4 00	3 25	5 00	1 00	50	60	75
Rehoboth	27 94	22 86	38 10	12 70	5 08	8 89	11 43
Salem	52 36	42 84	71 40	23 80	9 52	16 66	21 42
Shellman	31 24	25 56	42 60	14 20	6 68	9 94	12 78
Springvale	6 38	5 22	8 70	2 90	1 16	2 03	2 61
Shiloh	9 90	8 50	13 50	4 50	1 80	3 15	4 05
Wilulah	36 52	29 88	49 80	16 60	6 64	11 62	14 94

Document No. 5.

Report of Committee on Education.

To the Bethel Baptist Association, convened in the Seventy-Eighth Session: Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

In the educational development of our State there is a greater interest manifested this year than ever before—even surpassing the enthusiasm evidenced last year. In every walk of life we find Georgians exerting their best endeavors towards arranging better facilities for the education of our youth. Editors, doctors, lawyers and banks, together with the farmers, united at the polls on the 5th of this month to amend the Constitution of Georgia, which will facilitate educational advantages in the rural sections. Our General Assembly has several important bills pending before it now, that in many sections, were issues of the local campaigns, so interested are our people in obtaining the best conditions for intellectual growth. This general and thorough awakening of the people of Georgia in these matters bespeaks the sincere zeal of every Baptist in our efforts to see that our denominational Institutions keep apace with the secular schools and colleges.

We rejoice to feel that Mercer University, under the able leadership of Dr. S. Y. Jameson, continues to hold a foremost front among the male colleges, opening up this September with the largest attendance in the history of the institution. The large endowment fund so recently raised for Mercer has made her independent for her present needs, and it is a source of pride to every Baptist of Georgia that we have such a splendid institution under the authority of the Baptists of Georgia.

The endowment we raised for Mercer we can and must raise for Bessie Tift. The field is open for subscriptions to the \$360,000.00 fund to be raised for the Baptist girls of Georgia. As proud as we are of Mercer, we must not stop until we can be prouder of Bessie Tift. For as proud as we are of our boys, we are prouder of our girls. And if we will give the Baptist girls of Georgia the advantages, it will be the preparation for the richest harvest conceived in our most sanguine expectations. We, as Baptists, can not afford to do more for the boys than we have done for the girls. Bessie Tift College was organized in 1837 as an institute for the education of girls. In 1849 it was authorized by charter to confer diplomas. So we can justly point with pride to the fact that Bessie Tift is the second oldest college for women in the whole world. Then let us join with hearty zeal in the first statewide campaign that has ever been conducted by the Baptists of Georgia exclusively for our girls.

We find that the work being done at Norman Park is still

up to the high standard of progressiveness that has characterized its growth since the foundation of this institution. And we commend this school to the boys and girls of the Bethel Association who need preparation for entering college. We have also watched with appreciation the awakening of a similar school, Cyrene Institute, which heretofore has been undenominational. The Bowen Baptist Association now owns this school and under its new influence, over one hundred pupils have already been taken from the surrounding counties and are boarding in the commodious dormitories of this school.

We desire, also to commend to our brethren, Shorter College, at Rome. The institution was presented to the Convention and brought into the Mercer System at the meeting in Americus. Recent large gifts by the citizens of Rome have made it possible to greatly enlarge the institution and equip it for a greater and a higher service. Under the presidency of Dr. A. W. Van Hoose, it is expected that Shorter will hold a place in the very front rank of Southern educational institutions.

We cannot close this report without calling on the Baptists of this Association to exert their every energy to send their boys and girls to some of these schools. In our efforts to support and maintain the schools, let us not forget that we can make a way to send the boys and girls to them. A college education is no longer the dream of the poor boy and the poor girl, but it is an actual fact that where there is a will there is a way. And this body should establish a perpetual fund at Mercer, Bessie Tift and Norman Park. The proceeds of this fund should be devoted exclusively to aid of worthy boys and girls within the bounds of this Association, and the money that is tied up in Bethel College could be devoted to this purpose either by a sale of the property or by judicious management of the proceeds from it as it now stands. There is no forgiveness for a desecrated ideal. And there are ideals within the minds and hearts of boys and girls all over the Bethel Association territory that should not be stifled by reason of a lack of funds that the proper disposition of this property would give them.

We commend the cause of Christian education to the Baptists of this Association and bespeak their prayers for the splendid work that is being done. Respectfully submitted,

BYRON R. COLLINS, Chairman.

Document No. 6.

Report on Norman Institute.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee takes pleasure in offering the following report:

During the associational year the trustees of Norman Insti-

tute have added a beautiful \$15,000 annex, which is nearing completion, and which is by far the most commanding looking build-rooms. Down stairs there are three large class rooms, two offices, one for the president and one for the trustees, and a literary room. On the second floor is a spacious auditorium, 60x80 feet, and two dressing rooms. This auditorium is one of the prettiest in this section of Georgia, and will seat about 700 people. Perhaps the features of the new building that would attract visitors most are the mosaic tiling in the hallway and porch, the pretty steel roofing, and the stately Corinthian columns at the entrance of the building. When the new building has been installed, the old auditorium will be divided into two society rooms and two recitation rooms. This additional equipment will enable us to provide for 250 pupils—50 of whom are to be local pupils.

In addition to the foregoing we wish to call attention to the new metal tank, with a capacity of 25,000 gallons, which we are now completing at a cost of \$1,560. The new tank necessitated the construction of a 55,000 gallon reservoir, which has been completed at a cost of \$1,295.

Within the next few months the power house and electric light plant will be moved off the campus. This change will add to the beauty of the campus and will cost, in pipes, valves, etc., a minimum of \$500.

During the year approximately \$750 was expended for improving our sanitation. New bath tubs and new fixtures have been added to the toilet rooms of both dormitories.

The campus has been surrounded with an excellent fence at a cost of \$750. The front line is an iron fence and adds much to the beauty of the grounds. The garden and school furnished last year a bountiful supply of vegetables; 500 bushels of potatoes, 20 barrels of syrup and all the rice needed. The farm is one of the most valuable acquisitions to the school plant and enables us to furnish good board at \$9 per month.

The present enrollment is indeed flattering and we are confident that we will have a banner year. Among our attendants are ten ministerial pupils who are trying to prepare themselves to meet the requirements of the call.

You will agree with the committee that the past year has been a great year for Norman Institute, and we want to thank all who in any way helped to make these improvements possible. It ought and must be said of Hon. J. B. Norman, notwithstanding he has asked that his name be withheld, has taken a great part in securing the recent equipment. Not only has he given freely of his money but he spends nearly every day on the campus looking after the interests of the school.

Our endowment is not sufficient. May we not reasonably expect your help in adding to this fund that Christian education may be brought to your homes? Send us your boys and thus surround them with a Christian protection and a Baptist influence.

As a custom I herewith attach President Thaxton's report of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. JONES.

To the Board of Trustees of Norman Institute:

Sirs: I have the honor of presenting this report to you for the term of 1909-1910.

During the past scholastic year we enrolled 263 students, as follows: Literary Department 240; Piano 61; Voice 8; Expression 35; Art 14. Of these 191 were boarders. There were 141 boys and 122 girls. Nineteen young men preparing for the ministry were in attendance. Our patronage was drawn from six different States and there were students from thirty-nine counties in Georgia.

The grade of work has been high and satisfactory and the deportment good. Each year it is a pleasure to note that the scholastic preparations of the new student is higher than the preceding year. The health of the student body has been good.

Seventeen members of the Senior Class received diplomas or certificates. The next senior class will number about the same as this year.

Respectfully submitted,

O. A. THAXTON, President.

Document No. 7.

Report on Digest of Letters.

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, submit the following report: After carefully reading the letters sent up by the various churches, we are compelled to deplore to a certain extent the lack of spirituality of the churches manifested by a decrease in baptisms and a lack in giving to missions as we feel is our privilege and duty. We urge that Clerks of the churches **be more careful** in making out their letters and statistics, as these letters are the only means of making a full showing as to the year's work of your church. We find that there are 29 Sunday Schools reported this year as against 27 last year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. MOODY,

V. L. McTYER,

J. T. STEWART,

J. W. SAULS,

H. J. EDWARDS.

Committee.

Document No. 8.

Report on Orphans' Home.

There may be differences of opinion among brethren about some of our denominational enterprises, but surely there can be none about the Orphans' Home, where the fatherless find a home and the motherless are mothered by godly women.

In our Home, located at Hapeville, nine miles from Atlanta, are gathered one hundred and eighty of the heavenly Father's wards, and, because His, ours too. The property consists of 50 acres of good land, on which are three large brick houses—the Etheridge Cottage for girls, erected by Bro. F. S. Etheridge, of Jackson, in memory of his mother; the Brown Cottage for boys, erected by Judge James R. Brown, of Canton, in memory of a beloved daughter; the main building, in which are chapel, dining room, recitation room, etc., built by the generous gifts of the Baptists generally; a large wooden house, bought with the land; another wooden house, with laundry, barn and other out buildings.

The home—for such the management, with Rev. W. A. Johnson and wife at the head, seek to make it, in fact as well as in name—seeks to train the children, not only in things pertaining to the spiritual life, but for this life as well. A good school is maintained, well graded, with excellent teachers. The boys, the ones large enough for such work, attend to the stock and run the farm, under direction of an excellent manager, and on it make no small part of the provisions used in the Home. The girls learn to cook, keep house, besides learning dressmaking and dairying. They all work.

There is no endowment, but the Home depends, for current support and larger equipment, on the loving gifts of God's redeemed ones. The support of 188 children costs no little money, and our Convention asks for \$29,000 for this purpose of the Baptists of Georgia. There is a great need at present for a baby cottage, where the little tots can be cared for, with their own table and all the comforts they need. Enlargement of the laundry is a pressing necessity—indeed there is urgent need of general enlargement, for applications are coming in thick and fast for places in the Home for homeless children. If we could double the capacity of the Home, it would soon be filled full, and still the cry would continue: "Take us in!"

The management is always glad to have brethren come and see what the Baptists have in this Home; it is a place to make our hearts glad, and they want the brethren everywhere to feel personal interest in it—an interest that is created and deepened by nothing so much as giving to its support. Mention may be

made of the fact that coops of chickens, barrels or kegs of syrup, etc., are welcome. Especially does the Home need now two or three good milch cows.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. STANFORD, Chairman.

Document No. 9.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Missions, as we understand it, is preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people. It matters not where it is done, but for convenience the work has been divided between State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Foreign Missions is the work that is being done on foreign fields, and is in the hands of the Foreign Board, located in Richmond, Va., a Board that is composed of strong, godly men, with a Secretary that perhaps has few equals and no superiors, this Board being composed of good Christian men who would not misuse the funds intrusted to them or seek to deceive us concerning the work. This work is greatly needed because they, like we, are sinners and exposed to the wrath of God. There is but one way for them to be saved—that is by the gospel of Jesus Christ, and this gospel must be heard. In order that it might be heard should be preached; in order to preach they must be sent and those alone can send it who have it; and we claim to have it and then it is the duty we owe to God ourselves and to them to send them the good news of salvation.

J. G. CORLEY, Chairman.

Document No. 10.

Report of Nominating Committee.

We respectfully submit the following report:

Introductory Sermon—A. G. Hash; alternate J. G. Corley.

Missionary Sermon—O. L. Jones; alternate J. W. Watson.

Delegates to State Convention—G. Y. Moore, W. D. Hammock, A. G. Hash, J. W. Martin, O. L. Jones, J. W. Sauls, A. L. Miller, T. F. Moody, H. M. Kaigler, J. W. Watson, D. W. Hammock, S. W. Manry, J. W. Stanford.

Trustees of Bethel College for Five Years—J. W. Stanford, L. A. Duggan, G. V. Tilley, R. D. Gay, J. W. Martin, T. F. Moody, J. C. Martin, C. J. Lanier.

Trustees Norman Park—A. L. Miller, 3 years; T. F. Moody, one year.

Southern Baptist Convention—A. G. Hash; alternate J. W. Stanford.

Executive Committee—A. G. Hash, A. I. Miller, G. V. Tilley, L. A. Duggan, D. W. Hammock.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. STANFORD,
J. N. MASSEE,
D. W. HAMMOCK,
Committee.

Document No. 11.

Report on Temperance.

The rolling, restless mass of humanity of today, looking for something to satisfy the cravings of an imaginary appetite, aided by the high tide of commercialism of our time, when men, eager to make the almighty dollar at the sacrifice of human lives and the joy of homes, brings before us the mighty subject of Temperance.

Which is to be pitied more, the seller or the drunkard? This great issue cannot alone be solved by legislation nor adjusted by enforcement of law. The love of Christ is the remedy for this great evil in its entirety. Whenever the professed Christians of Georgia will "Touch not, taste not and handle not"; when we, as Christians, will live up to the full measure of our duty in presenting the love of Christ to both the seller and the purchaser, then it is that we shall accomplish the end in making our brethren and neighbors temperate.

We must earnestly protest against the present law in our State, allowing the sale of "near beer," feeling that by this law that the great temperance cause in Georgia has received a back set that will take years to overcome, and we, the Bethel Baptist Association, assembled, urge the Representatives and Senators of our respective counties and districts with all the power of language at our command to abolish the sale of this damnable stuff that is now so crippling the enforcement of our Prohibition law.

God's curse is upon the drunkard. In His name let us save him from his fate. Let us, by precept and example, be temperate in all things, for by so doing we shall honor our Father in Heaven and win unto ourselves a good report.

J. N. MASSEE, Chairman.

Document No. 12.

Report on Ministerial Relief.

The preachers full of years are still among us. Their strength has abated, but their usefulness has not ended. God is sparing them for a purpose. Their lives have been full of service. Humanity and faithfulness have been their characteristics. Both the pulpit and the pew owe them a debt, the nature of which is

such that we can not fully repay. We are reaping where they have sown. We have entered into their labors. John 4:36. We should love them after their active service is over, for loyalty to the kingdom now implies gratitude for what they have done.

We have about 50 who are receiving aid, and they come from more than thirty Associations. They receive checks each month for from \$5.00 to \$10.00. This certainly is not large. Many are waiting for God to call them up higher. Shall we allow them to suffer for material things and words of love and comfort while they wait? Shall we live in plenty while they and their wives live in poverty?

G. V. TILLEY, Chairman.

Document No. 13.

The Denominational Literature.

As the denominational literature we have three papers—Christian Index, Our Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal. These three give the information that we need concerning the work of our denomination. It gives the work and needs and results, and gives news from all parts of the word, and are safe and sound. Our Home Field gives the work of our Home Board. The Foreign Mission Journal gives the work of our Foreign Board. The great need of the Baptists now is information of these works. We now have both the number and the wealth to accomplish this great work, if we had the interest in it and the zeal for it. We are persuaded that our great hindrance is the lack of information. This information could be obtained from this literature, if we could persuade our people to subscribe for and read these papers. We would urge upon our pastors and other church workers to advocate and push this literature among our people until we all become readers of them and workers in our Master's Kingdom. Respectfully submitted,

J. G. CORLEY, Chairman.

Document No. 14.

Report on Woman's Work.

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, beg leave to make the following report: The State Convention asked the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Association to raise (\$1200) twelve hundred dollars this year and they have done more than they were asked. They raised \$1277.77. They are supposed to raise \$60,000 in the whole state this year. We are glad to know that there is so much interest manifested in the W. M. U., and our prayer is that the Lord will wonderfully bless them and their work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. MARTIN, Chairman.

Document Number 15.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The committee on Sunday Schools make the following report: It is with genuine pleasure that we are able to report an increase of two Sunday Schools within the bounds of our Association since our last Association, there being now 29 schools. The number of scholars in the old schools have materially increased as well as their contributions. This increased prosperity is a hopeful sign as to our future, as the child of today will be the church worker of tomorrow. With a zeal inspired by a greater love for the Master the child brought up in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord shall make workmen of whom we shall not be ashamed.

To the fifteen churches that have no schools, we insist that Sunday Schools be organized at once. Ask the assistance of your pastors, or, if need be, send for our State Sunday School Evangelist or some other live Sunday School worker to assist you in this great work. By all means organize the school.

We copy the last paragraph of last year's report and insist that the Executive Committee put in operation without fail this recommendation: "We again recommend that our Executive Committee provide for a Sunday School Convention, and that annually hereafter our Sunday School workers may have an opportunity to meet and discuss and put in operation plans for the furtherance of this work.

J. W. SAULS, Chairman.

Document No. 16.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement.

All of us are familiar with the prayer meeting of five held in 1806, which was interrupted by rain. Continued under the shelter of a hay stack, it marked the beginning of American Foreign Missions. This was at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. The names of the five men in that prayer meeting were Samuel J. Mills, James Richardson, Francis L. Robbins, Harvey Loomis, Byron Green.

In Boston, while celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of this prayer meeting, in November, 1906, the Laymen's Missionary Movement was inaugurated. The purpose of the Movement is to educate to a sense of their duty and to inspire to an enthusiasm to perform that duty. Samuel J. Mills said in 1886, "We can do it IF we will." One hundred years later Samuel B. Capen said, "We can do it AND WE WILL."

The leaders of the movement do not contemplate any separate organization. This is refreshing in this age of superabund-

ant and sometimes superfluous organization. Recognizing the wisdom of our Lord in the establishment of the all-sufficient church, they desire to arouse the individual members of the separate churches to a sense of their duty through the churches. Every church a chapter and every member a contributor is the ideal condition. The Movement would stress three points:

1st, No church should be content to contribute less to the rest of the world than it uses for itself. "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

2nd, It would urge Laymen everywhere to adopt tithing as the minimum standard of giving. This is scriptural.

3rd, It would urgently advocate the scriptural method in giving. "Upon the first day of the week let each of you lay by him in store as he may prosper."

The leaders of the Movement among the Baptists of Georgia are a committee of twenty-seven members appointed by the State Convention. Bro. Frank L. Mallary, of Macon, is chairman. It is devised that one or more of this committee shall visit every Associational meeting and give the benefit of their experience and enthusiasm to advance the work.

We recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions: "Whereas, the Laymen's Movement seems 'to have come to the kingdom for such a time!' for the fields are open, the nations are calling, strong and consecrated young men and women are volunteering, the mission boards understand the needs of the fields and are prepared to administer funds most wisely, the conditions are most favorable, and God in His own good time is moving mightily upon the men of Christendom, and

"Whereas, Baptists greatly predominate in this State in numerical influence and are financially able to do vastly more than they have yet done for the Missionary objects fostered by our Convention, and in view of the fact that the Georgia Baptist Convention has appointed a Laymen's Committee and such Committee is making an effort to bring the great mass of laymen face to face with their obligation to the Kingdom of God, Resolved,

"First, That a Committee of three laymen be appointed to co-operate within our bounds with the Laymen's Committee of the Convention, and to encourage the organization of Missionary Committees in our local churches and by inspirational addresses and otherwise to promote the cause of missions generally throughout our bounds,

"Second, The Committee shall report its work in detail at each meeting of this Association, and shall hold office till its successor is elected.

"Third, The Clerk shall immediately forward the names of

those composing the Committee to the Chairman of the Laymen's Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention."

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. DUGGAN,
D. W. HAMMOCK,
J. N. MASSEE,

Committee.

Document No. 17.

Finance Committee's Report.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following report:

State Missions, sent up by churches.....	\$ 57.75
State Missions, public collection..	35.07
Home Missions.....	53.16
Foreign Missions.....	22.41
Ministerial Education.....	3.00
Ministerial Relief.....	15.76
Orphans' Home.....	35.81
Minutes and Clerk.....	84.00
City Missions..	3.00

Total.. \$309.96

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. CHITTY, Chairman.

Document No. 18.

Report of Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention.

In accordance with your appointment at the last meeting of the Association, it was my pleasure to represent you in that great religious gathering, the Southern Baptist Convention, in Baltimore, Md. It was a great privilege and its sessions were a great inspiration. You read a report of the Convention in the Index at the time. But to be present one is forcibly impressed with the fact that we are growing in numbers and gifts, and consequently in responsibility. If we could only induce more of our laymen to attend these Conventions, a new day would dawn for many of the churches at home.

G. V. TILLEY.

Document No. 19.

Report on Home Missions.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: The Home Mission Field is that covered by Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, is the corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board. None can know but those who study its history the great work it has and is doing for our

home land. New Orleans is one of our centers of labor, as it is the stronghold of Catholicism.

The large relative strength of our denomination in the South is due, in a great measure, to the activities of the Home Mission Board. And its stimulating and unifying influence.

There are eight departments of our Home Mission work: Evangelism; Mountain Schools; Cities and Foreigners; Missions west of the Mississippi river; Missions east of the Mississippi; Church Building; Cuba; Negroes.

These opportunities indicate the needs of our Home Board.

Georgia Baptists are asked for \$52,000. Our Association is asked for \$945 for the Associational year before us.

C. J. WHITE, Chairman.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. G. Corley	Route 1, Blakely, Ga.
E. S. Cheshire	Route 3, Blakely, Ga.
W. L. Culbertson	Shellman, Ga.
J. E. Dykes	Route 3, Blakely, Ga.
A. G. Hash	Fort Gaines, Ga.
W. D. Hammock	Coleman, Ga.
John Martin	Shellman, Ga.
John W. Martin	Cuthbert, Ga.
W. A. Mason	Shellman, Ga.
J. W. Sauls	Shellman, Ga.
S. F. Sullivan	Morgan, Ga.
Geo. V. Tilley	Cuthbert, Ga.
J. W. Watson	Georgetown, Ga.
C. J. White	Carnegie, Ga.

Document No. 20.

Schedule for Churches in the Bethel Association.

(Adopted from "Schedule for Baptists.")

January—Ministerial Education.

February—Home and Foreign Missions

March—Home and Foreign Missions. (Self Denial.)

April—Schools and Colleges. (Training School.)

May—Missions, Margaret Home and S. S. Board.

June—Missions.

July—Ministerial Relief.

August—Missions, Evangelist.

September—State Missions.

October—Orphans' Home.

November—Missions, Frontier Missionary.

December—Missions, Christmas Offering.

Directions for Sending Money.

Collections for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, Schools and Colleges, Orphans' Home should be sent to J. J. Bennett, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Atlanta, Ga.

Send collections for printing minutes and paying clerk to Treasurer of your Association.

NOTE—In sending money to J. J. Bennett, Secty. & Treasurer, great care should be exercised. If the money is from the church, Sunday School, W. M. S., Y. W. A., Sunbeams or Royal Ambassadors, let it appear so, distinctly. Also let the object or purpose for which the money is contributed be clearly stated. And all of this is next to useless unless the name of the Association is given in the letter in which the money is remitted. Not to give the name of the Association from which the money is sent utterly destroys the plans of the book-keepers in the Board's office where the effort is being made to keep accounts with the Associations.

No funds should ever be sent to the Association, which are afterwards to be sent to the Boards.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

Article 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in divine perfection.

Article 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

Article 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on the principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

Article 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Article 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

Article 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by convention in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that it is only proper to have bishops, pastors and deacons.

Article 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

Article 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

Article 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it

when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association may order through her Executive Committee. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed unless suspended for a special object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions when seconded must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or use unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Morning.

- 10 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
- 11 A. M.—Introductory Sermon.

Tuesday Afternoon.

- 1. Former Moderator calls Association to order.
- 2. Devotional exercises.
- 3. Call roll of messengers.
- 4. Elect moderator and clerk.
- 5. Adopt order of business.
- 6. Hear applications for membership.
- 7. Fix hours of meeting and adjournment.
- 8. Call for correspondents and visitors.
- 9. Appoint the following committees: On Preaching, on Finance, on Digest of Letters, on Nominations.
- 10. Report on State Missions.
- 11. Miscellaneous business.

Wednesday Morning.

- 1. Devotional exercises.
- 2. Call for correspondents and visitors.
- 3. Report of Treasurer.
- 4. Elect Treasurer.
- 5. Report of Executive Committee.
- 6. Report on digest of letters and state of churches.
- 7. Report of Trustees of Bethel College.
- 8. Report on Education.
- 9. Adjourn for preaching.

Wednesday Afternoon.

- 1. Report of Auditing Committee.
- 2. Report on Orphan's Home.
- 3. Report on Missions.
- 4. Report of Committee on Nominations.
- 5. Report on Temperance.
- 6. Report on Obituaries.
- 7. Adjournment.

Thursday Morning.

- 1. Devotional exercises.
- 2. Report on Denominational Literature.
- 3. Report on Woman's Work.
- 4. Report on Sunday Schools.
- 5. Fix time and place for holding next session.

6. Appoint the following standing committees: On Home Missions, State Missions and Foreign Missions, on Sunday Schools, on Temperance, on Orphan's Home, on Education, on Denominational Literature, on Ministerial Relief, on Woman's Work, on Obituaries.

7. Report of Committee on Finance.
8. Arrange for printing minutes and paying clerk.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Adjournment.

Statistics of Churches

Churches	County	Pastors and Postoffice	Clerks and Postoffice	Baptized	Rec. by Let.	Re-tured	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Died	Members Last Report	Present Membership
Arlington	Calhoun	J. A. Ivey, Dawson.....	W. J. Horsley, Arlington ...	7	8	10			1	121	125
Antioch	Randolph	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood....	W. F. Cross, Cuthbert	1	1	1				41	42
Bluffton	Clay	J. I. D. Miller, Macon.....	Comer Greene, Bluffton	1		4			2	62	55
Cuthbert	"	J. E. Dykes, Blakely.....	O. A. Cox, Fort Gaines	2	3				2	40	43
Ethany	Baker.....	W. I. Moody, Boykin.....	W. F. Lawrence, Milford	2	2	4	1			100	97
Gullah	Early	N. G. Christopher, Whigham	J. L. Ricks, Blakely	2	3	3	1			42	43
Hamlet	"	O. L. Jones, Blakely	W. W. Fleming, Blakely	2	4	1	28	1	4	215	188
Iruegie	Randolph	W. L. Culberson, Shellman ..	Nelson Fellows, Carnegie ..	2	4	9			1	101	104
Johns Creek	Early	J. G. Corley, Blakely	J. C. Balkcom, Blakely	6	19	1	8		1	83	100
Manassas	Randolph	P. C. Barkley, Plains.....	W. J. Ray, Coleman	2	4	3				93	96
Marion	"	G. V. Tilley, Cuthbert.....	J. B. Smith, Cuthbert.....	13	15	7			5	243	259
Marion, Early	Early	S. J. Hargrove, Bronwood....	Grady I. George, Kestler	1		11	2			41	29
Marion, Randolph	Randolph	W. L. Culberson, Shellman ..	J. T. Peak, Cuthbert	11	4	9	5		205	206	
Marion, Over	Terrell ..	W. W. Mabry, Richland.....	W. J. Cannon, Dawson	6		4			78	80	
Marion, Over	Calhoun ..	H. L. Crumbley, Richland.....	H. E. Hammock, Edison	7	9	2	3		148	159	
Marion, Over	Quitman ..	J. W. Watson, Georgetown ..	W. T. Moore, Hatcher Station	3		1	1	3		69	
Marion, Over	Calhoun ..	J. W. Sals, Shellman.....	J. T. Sauls, Shellman.....	4		2	2		122	80	
Marion, Over	Clay	C. J. White, Carnegie.....	A. H. Richardson, Bluffton ..	4	2	1	2	1	86	90	
Marion, Over	"	A. G. Hash, Fort Gaines.....	J. M. Culpepper, Jr. Ft. Gaines	5	8	7	3	211	214		
Marion, Over	Randolph	J. G. Corley, Blakely.....	W. H. Ferguson, Cuthbert ..	5	5	7			89	87	
Marion, Over	Quitman ..	J. W. Watson, Georgetown ..	H. M. Kaizer, Georgetown ..	1	3	9	1	2	75	67	
Marion, Over	Terrell ..	Z. T. Weaver, Reynolds.....	R. B. Ferguson, Dawson	2		2	1		62	61	
Marion, Over	Early	J. E. Dykes, Blakely.....	C. A. Belisle, Blakely			1			28	27	
Marion, Over	Calhoun ..	W. L. Culberson, Shellman ..	B. I. Keel, Leary	1	2	2		1	48	47	
Marion, Over	Terrell ..	"	R. J. Grier, Sasser	1	5	3		3	99	99	
Marion, Over	Clay	J. W. Watson, Georgetown ..	M. A. Lokey, Hatcher Station							22	
Marion, Over	Baker.....	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert.....	Jesse W. Johnston, Leary	1	2	1		2	40	40	
Marion, Over	Calhoun ..	W. L. Culberson, Shellman ..	C. B. Weaver, Morgan	22	7	7	3		134	152	
Marion, Over	Quitman ..	J. W. Watson, Georgetown ..	J. W. Cumbe, Morris Station ..	2	1	1			41	43	
Marion, Over	Clay	C. D. Carter, Ellaville.....	C. C. Lindsey, Fort Gaines ..	2					43	45	
Marion, Over	Randolph	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert.....	J. W. Fellows, Carnegie	8	6	7	3		121	125	
Marion, Over	Clay	A. C. Wellons, Plains.....	C. C. Pearce, Coleman.....		1	7			61	55	
Marion, Over	"	J. W. Sauls, Shellman.....	W. E. Pounds, Fort Gaines ..	2		4		2	35	31	
Marion, Over	Randolph	W. D. Hammock, Coleman ..	R. Ferguson, Cuthb rt.....	6	8	1	6		128	137	
Marion, Over	Early	J. W. Martir, Cuthbert.....	W. A. Lindsey, Blakely	9	6	3	4	4	185	189	
Marion, Over	"	E. T. Dawson, Brinson.....	G. W. Anderson, Blakely		4		2	1	58	59	
Marion, Over	Dough'ty.	J. I. D. Miller, Macon.....	H. W. Kims'y, Albany								
Marion, Over	Early	E. T. Dawson, Brinson.....	W. J. Kenney, Blakely	2	4		2	1	71	73	
Marion, Over	Randolph	J. O. Nowell, Richland.....	H. J. Edwards, Shellman	9	8				2	127	142
Marion, Over	Calhoun ..	W. L. Culberson, Shellman ..	S. W. Manry, Edison	8		9		2	238	235	
Marion, Over	Randolph	W. A. Mason, Shellman.....	R. T. Watson, Shellman.....		5	7	1	2	142	137	
Marion, Over	Clay	W. H. Norton, Fort Valley ..	Robt. Boyett, Jr., Coleman ..			1			48	47	
Marion, Over	Randolph	"	T. M. Davis, Springvale.....			1		1	29	27	
Marion, Over	"	A. C. Wellons, Plains.....	B. E. Joiner, Coleman	6	5	4	1	1	166	171	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	Superintendent and Postoffice.		Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Number of Baptisms
Arlington	G. W. Harrison	Arlington	10	100	2
Antioch	J. E. Mansfield	Bluffton	7	50	1
Bluffton					
Bethel	O. A. Jordan	Milford	5	50	
Bethany					
Beulah	B. R. Collins	Blakely	12	104	2
Blakely	Wike Ivey	Carnegie	4	50	
Carnegie	F. B. Melton	Blakely	6	40	1
Colomokee	W. D. Hammack, Jr.,	Coleman	5		
Coleman	T. F. Moody	Cuthbert	13	187	
Cuthbert	James McNamara	Kestler	4	22	1
Damascus (Early)	C. D. Peak	Rt. 4, Cuthbert	3	26	2
Damascus (Ran.)	S. M. Patrick	Rt. 5, Dawson	4	36	6
Dover	Henry Turner	Edison	11	110	7
Edison					
Enon					
Elim					
Enterprise	J. E. Paullin	Fort Gaines	14	90	5
Fort Gaines	C. M. Poindexter	Shellman	4	30	
Friendship	D. M. Davidson	Georgetown	5	28	
Georgetown	J. H. McLendon	Rt. 3, Dawson	4	25	
Herod	T. M. Matthews	Rt. 8, Blakely	5	38	
Hilton	James N. Bell	Leary	7	55	
Leary	J. L. Jay	Sasser	11	110	
Lebanon					
Midway					
Milford	Z. T. Rabun	Morgan	8	60	
Morgan	J. W. Cumbie	Morris Station	4	50	2
Morris	S. L. Jester	Fort Gaines	4	20	
Mt. Gilead					
Mt. Hebron					
Mt. Vernon					
Mt. Zion					
New Bethel	S. A. Lindsey	Rt. 3, Blakely	7	102	
New Hope					
Pine View					
Pretoria					
Providence					
Rehoboth	J. E. Henier	Shellman		44	6
Salem					
Shellman	J. R. Powell	Shellman	10	80	
Shiloh	R. D. Crozier	Morris Station	4	36	
Springvale					
Vilulah	C. A. Brown	Coleman	4		

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Clerk and Minutes	Other Objects	Total	City Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Schools and Colleges	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	Other Objects
Arlington	\$ 480 00	\$ 100 00	2 00	179 00	\$ 761 00	\$	\$ 9 58		\$ 9 57				\$60 00	
Antioch	200 00	90 00	1 00		291 00		7 35							
Bethany	105 00		2 00	6 00	113 00								5 00	
Bethel	100 00		1 00	10 00	111 00		7 10							
Bluffton	250 00		1 00	5 80	256 80		10 29		29 47		4 00		10 60	
Beulah	100 00		1 00	17 30	118 30		8 00				2 70			
Blakely	553 50		2 50	138 85	694 85		92 35	48 85	81 97		22 85	4 00	56 90	
Carnegie	300 00	100 00	2 00	50 00	452 00		27 45	21 50					51 43	
Coleman	300 00	50 00	3 00	107 46	460 46		34 56	30 81			16 25			
Colomokee	150 00		1 50	6 09	157 59		94 25	15 00	13 00		6 00		19 10	
Cuthbert	1000 00	257 63	3 50	486 50	1747 63		155 93	244 05	136 57	142 55	30 36	16 35	51 56	5 00
Damascus (Early)	162 00		1 50	10 00	183 50	3 00	8 65	27 40	18 95	1 50	3 00	3 00	23 00	
Damascus (Ran.)	250 00	12 00	2 50	5 60	270 10		22 00	5 50						
Dover	200 00	6 00	2 00	11 70	219 70		13 87	3 45	3 20		4 00	4 50	4 50	
Edison	390 00		4 00	75 00	469 00		29 57	25 00	39 33	7 08	4 72	4 30	35 16	
Enon			1 00		1 00		7 20	2 80	2 00			2 00	12 00	8 00
Elim			2 00		2 00		5 00	5 00	5 00			5 00	5 00	
Enterprise	150 00	1200 00	1 60	16 90	1368 50		3 32	2 00				3 50		
Fort Gaines	1200 00	262 00	3 00	400 00	1865 00		163 23	217 40	132 13	61 00	38 80	14 77	26 00	10 00
Friendship	175 00	71 65	1 50	5 57	253 72		12 59	10 00	13 03		19 41		15 31	
Georgetown	200 00	179 30	2 00	83 75	465 05		25 35	13 56	11 96		3 00	3 50	17 03	
Herod	200 00		1 50		201 50		15 80	22 85	8 25			4 00	4 00	3 00
Hilton	75 00		1 00	6 02	82 02		3 33	3 33					5 34	1 00
Leary	100 00		2 50		102 50		28 00							
Lebanon	300 00		2 00	6 00	308 00		24 50	30 35			4 00			
Midway	125 00		2 00	3 10	130 10		10 75	6 25	1 60		4 15		3 65	
Milford	120 00		2 00		122 00		11 60				2 00			14 00
Morgan	250 00		2 00											15 00
Morris	125 00	56 00	1 25	17 00	199 25		12 55	11 95	12 83		1 86	1 75	10 80	6 20
Mt. Gilead	135 00		1 50		136 50		3 00	2 00	1 00			4 78	5 00	
Mt. Hebron	100 00		2 00	7 00	109 00		12 50	10 33	6 00		4 00	5 00	12 40	
Mt. Vernon			1 00		1 00		15 50							
Mt. Zion	100 00		1 50		101 50			3 68	3 41				5 00	
New Bethel	250 00		2 00	38 97	290 97		15 88	3 25		2 86				50 00

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Mrs. E. H. Hamby was elected Secretary for the meeting.

The Superintendent's annual report was given by Mrs. Farnum.

The annual report of the Executive Committee was read by Mrs. John D. Gunn, Chairman.

A motion was made and carried that we adopt the Constitution and By-Laws, which were read by Mrs. Gunn.

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The Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. W.D. Hammock.

A report of the different Societies followed, showing the total for missions given by the thirteen reported Societies in the past year, amounting to \$1277.77.

Presentation of our missions was given by Mrs. B. W. Rish on the foreign field, Mrs. W. A. Mason on the home field and Mrs. J. A. Ivey on Georgia.

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Presentation of our institutional work was given by Mrs. W. D. Hammock, who took the Margaret Home and Orphans' Home for her subject.

An interesting talk on the Training School at Louisville, Ky., was given by Miss Margaret Tweedy.

A discussion on the S. S. Board and our share in personal service was followed by a discussion on tithing.

A collection of \$6.00 was taken to help defray the expenses of our minutes.

The Union was closed until afternoon session by a prayer by Mrs. Peak.

Friday Afternoon Session.

The Friday afternoon and the last session of the W. M. U. was opened with a song, "Jesus is all the world to me."

The devotional was conducted by Miss Margaret Tweedy. "An Appeal to Mothers" was made by Mrs. Peak.

A paper on the "Benefits of the Mission Study Class" was read by Miss Corinne Mansfield, in the absence of Mrs. Hash.

A motion was made and carried that each Society pay as much as possible towards the minute fund.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

Mrs. Lil Farnum, President; Mrs. Mason, first Vice President; Mrs. Hammock, second Vice President; Mrs. B. W. Ellis, Secretary; Mrs. Dan Hammock, Treasurer.

Mrs. L. E. Gay, with Mrs. Hammock alternate, were elected to represent the W. M. U. of the Bethel Association at the Southern Baptist Convention at Jacksonville.

Mrs. Farnum, the Superintendent, appointed the following Executive Committee: Mrs. Paulin, chairman, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. L. E. Gay, Mrs. G. A. Cole, Mrs. M. W. Watts.

The report on Obituaries was read by Miss Corinne Mansfield.

Coleman was appointed as the next place of meeting, to be held on Thursday and Friday after the third Sunday in October, 1911.

Resolutions of thanks to the people of Arlington were read by Mrs. Peak and adopted. Meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

MRS. E. H. HAMBY, Secretary.

Societies and Presidents.

Cuthbert—Mrs. L. A. Duggan, President.

Fort Gaines—Mrs. J. J. Chitty, President.

Blakely—Mrs. Nettie Coachman, President.

Coleman—Mrs. B. H. Rish, President.
 Bluffton—Mrs. W. F. Davis, President.
 Arlington—Mrs. W. L. Collins, President.
 Damascus—Mrs. E. G. Sandlin, Rt. 4, Cuthbert, President.
 Edison—Mrs. Althea Stewart, President.
 Enterprise—Mrs. Emma D. Rish, Edison, President.
 Morgan—Mrs. Hawke, President.
 Sasser—Mrs. Lem Jay, President.
 Herod—Mrs. Perry Cocke, Dawson, President.
 Morris Station—Mrs. J. L. Cumbie, President.
 Georgetown—Mrs. D. M. Davidson, President.
 Colomokee—Mrs. Reuben Roberts, President.
 Kestler—Mrs. McNamara, President.
 Leary—Mrs. Alice Hammond, President.
 Shellman—Mrs. B. L. Bridgeman, President.

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the W. M. U. of the Bethel Association beg to submit the following report: We have had three meetings this year. At the first one we decided upon three as a quorum for the Committee. We advised with the Superintendent as to the churches she could visit and help most, also her work through the summer.

Our beloved sister and Treasurer, Mrs. Lewis D. Gay, was called to her Heavenly Home, and as she was one of the most enthusiastic members of the committee, always present, sweet-spirited and ready to do what she could for the Lord's work. We adopted resolutions of sympathy which were sent to her family.

Mrs. Dan Hammock, of Coleman, was elected Treasurer to fill Mrs. Gay's unexpired term.

We invited Bro. Blackshear and Mrs. Wallace to be with us at this meeting. Both declined on account of previous engagements.

As the mother W. M. U. and all organizations of any size or importance have a Constitution and By-Laws we deemed it best for us to have one. We have framed a Constitution and By-Laws, taking those of the W. M. U. as a model and making such changes as we thought suited our needs, which we bring to you for your consideration, and each item to be voted on by you, should you decide to have a Constitution and By-Laws.

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 MRS. JOHN GUNN, Chm.,
 Committee.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

"One by one they are crossing o'er."

Reports from the following Societies bring to us the names of these, our noble sisters, whom our Lord has taken during the past year to their Heavenly Home and eternal joy.

God, with his fatal sickle has removed from our midst the active and valued Treasurer of our Union, Mrs. L. D. Gay. Two other consecrated workers have been also from the Blake-ly Society, Mrs. Albina F. Fleming and Mrs. Florrie Hightower.

The Missionary Society of Shellman has sustained a loss of a loyal, beloved member in the departure of Mrs. W. L. Cul-ber-son.

From the Cuthbert Society two trusted workers have been called Home, Mrs. L. B. Frye and Mrs. W. J. Mattox.

The New Hope Society keenly feels the loss of Mrs. J. E. Dykes, a faithful and tried worker for our Lord.

The faithful ones of Edison have suffered depletion by the home going of Mrs. J. M. Coleman. Submitted by

MRS. L. L. LYON,
MRS. G. Y. MOORE,
MRS. P. H. KEATON,
MISS CORINNE MANSFIELD.

Contributions Reported

Morris Station.....	\$.85
Fort Gaines.....	282.60
Edison.....	95.00
Cuthbert	260.65
Coleman.....	86.57
Shellman.....	191.00
Bluffton.....	44.70
New Hope.....	11.10
Damascus.....	39.20
Blakely.....	114.35
Arlington.....	83.75
Bethel.....	35.00
Leary.....	33.00
Georgetown.....	23.85
Total.....	\$1301.62

Constitution and By-Laws of Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Baptist Association.

Preamble.

We, the Women of the Churches connected with the Bethel Association, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and children of the churches, and wishing to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards and the W. M. U., organize and adopt the following Constitution:

Article I. Name.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Baptist Association

Article II. Object.

The two-fold object of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be: 1st. To distribute missionary information and stimulate effort throughout the whole Association. 2nd, To secure the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions.

Article III. Officers.

The officers shall be a President; two Vice Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Article IV. Annual Meetings.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous Annual Meeting or by the Executive Committee.

Article V. Conduct of Meetings.

Every session of the W. M. U. shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. President.—The President shall preside at the Annual Meeting of the W. M. U. and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; and shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees. She may call special meetings of the Executive Committee when in her judgment needful, or at the request of three members of the Committee. In her absence chairman of the Executive Committee presides at Committee meeting.

Art. 2. Vice Presidents.—Vice Presidents shall seek to advance the interests of the Union in these communities, and preside at annual meetings in the absence of the President.

Art. 3. Secretary.—The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate records of the annual and special meetings of the Union; shall notify officers of their election and committees of their appointment and shall perform the other duties usual to her office.

Art. 4. Treasurer.—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, as reported to her from different churches or committees, and shall present a detailed report of all these accounts to each annual meeting. She shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to her office.

Art. 6. Nominating Committee.—The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President.

Art. 7. Elections.—The officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee on the afternoon of the last day of the meeting.

Art. 8.—The Executive Committee shall hold annual, semi-annual or monthly meetings for the transaction of business and shall report through its officers at each annual session of the Union.

Art. 9.—The By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual meeting.



MINUTES.

Enterprise Church, Clay county, Ga., Oct. 24, 1911.

The 79th Annual Session of Bethel Association met this day with the above named church at 10 a. m. Rev. J. O. Nowell conducted devotional services.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Hash. Text 1 Samuel 30:24.

Afternoon Session.

Former Moderator called the Association to order. Called roll of messengers.

Roll of Messengers.

Arlington—G. W. Stubbs, J. M. Johnson, W. C. Wiggins, E. T. Dawson, L. F. Murray.

Antioch—Not represented.

Bethany—S. L. Garland, Lee Craft.

Bethel—R. W. Wolfe.

Beulah—J. W. Martin, J. E. Hudspeth.

Blakely—Rev. O. L. Jones, W. W. Fleming, John Underwood.

Bluffton—J. E. Mansfield, W. F. Davis, A. D. Ingraham.

Carnegie—J. W. Swann, Nelson Fellows, O. H. Sanders, H. S. Page, S. C. Culbreth.

Coleman—D. W. Hammock, C. A. Brown, Joe Ray, I. P. Rhodes.

Colomokee—J. M. Balkcom, J. G. Corley, E. G. Brown.

Cuthbert—G. V. Tilley, J. W. Stanford, L. A. Duggan, T. F. Moody, Wm. Starr.

Damascus (Early)—B. M. George.

Damascus (Randolph)—J. T. Peak, Wm. Ford, C. D. Peak, J. A. Waller.

Dover—S. M. Patrick, J. R. Heidt.

Edison—R. W. Plowden, A. L. Miller, L. M. Killingsworth, E. L. Smith.

Elim—(Calhoun)—J. W. Sauls, J. E. Johnson.

Elmodel—L. P. Maynard.

Enon—Not represented.

Enterprise—R. G. Smith, E. W. Richardson, T. A. Meadows, W. H. Rish.

Fort Gaines—Rev. A. G. Hash, J. E. Paullin, T. M. Brown.

B. M. Turnipseed, J. B. Mills.

Friendship—W. A. Poindexter, W. H. Ferguson.

Georgetown—H. M. Kaigler, W. C. Franklin.

Herod—H. F. Melton.

Hilton—C. A. Belisle, W. E. Pounds, Jr.

Leary—Not represented.

Midway—A. T. King, B. F. Lokey.

Milford—Zema Morris, J. W. Johnston.

Morgan—C. W. Davis.

Morris—C. B. Wilson.

Mt. Gilead—C. C. Lindsey, J. M. Crozier, C. P. Holmes.

Mt. Hebron—J. W. Martin, T. A. Fellows, J. A. Dawson,

Hub Nichols.

Mt. Vernon—E. T. Pearce, N. H. Ingram, J. R. Fender.

Mt. Zion—W. C. Belisle, W. E. Pounds, Jr.

New Bethel—J. T. Stewart, J. M. Taylor, J. W. Grubbs, B.

F. Manry.

New Hope—J. A. George, J. H. Waller.

Pine View—A. S. Money, J. Q. Scarbrough, T. E. Fort.

Pretoria—Not represented.

Providence—John Harrell.

Rehoboth—J. B. Payne, J. W. Danelly.

Salem—John Strickland, S. W. Manry, J. B. Turner.

Shellman—J. T. Martin, John Martin, W. L. Culberson, R.

B. Martin, R. T. Watson.

Shiloh—

Sasser—(Lebanon)—J. C. Joiner.

Springvale—J. N. Massee, Will Cobb.

Sowhathee—J. L. Ricks.

Vilulah—J. T. Roberts, B. E. Joiner, S. Ragan, C. E. Bighie.

Permanent organization was affected by re-electing Bro. A.

L. Miller Moderator and W. W. Fleming Clerk.

Order of Business was adopted.

Petitionary Letter was received from Sowhathee church.

Referred to Rev. O. L. Jones, Jno. Underwood and L. A. Duggan.

Fixed time of meeting and adjournment as follows: Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 10:45 a. m.; meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at will.

Called for correspondents and visitors. The following were announced: Rev. A. M. Morse, of Bowen Association, Rev. P. C. Barkley, of Friendship, Rev. R. A. Morgan, of Summerhill, Rev. H. L. Crumbley, of Summerhill, Rev. J. O. Nowell, of Summerhill, Bro. Farrell, of Albany, representing Laymen's Movement, Rev. R. C. Poole, of Houston Association, and Rev. P. A. Jessup, representing Baptist Education Board.

Committee appointed on petition of Sowhathee church for membership in this Association made a report recommending that the church be received. Spoken to by Bro. J. L. Underwood, Rev. O. L. Jones and Rev. R. C. Poole. Report was adopted.

A collection was taken for the benefit of this church which amounted to \$63.76.

The Moderator announced the following committees.

Committee on Preaching—Rev. C. J. White and the messengers of Enterprise church.

On Finance—E. L. Smith, A. R. Richardson, J. M. Taylor.

On Digest of Letters—J. L. Underwood, J. T. Stewart, E. T. Dawson.

On Nominations—J. W. Stanford, L. M. Killingsworth, J. W. Martin.

Called for report on State Missions. Read by Rev. J. W. Martin. (See Doc. 1.) Spoken to by Rev. J. W. Martin. Action on report deferred until immediately after item of Foreign Missions on order of business.

The following change of Constitution was offered by Bro. T. F. Moody and was adopted by the requisite two-thirds vote to be voted upon at the next annual session. Whereas, the Bethel Association, feeling that the assistance of all the pastors in the Association, whether their membership be in the Association or not, is needed to help in planning for the extension of God's kingdom in the Association, be it resolved that paragraph No. 1 of the Constitution of Bethel Association be amended by adding thereto the following words: "Except that all ordained Baptist ministers in this Association and all ministers holding pastorates in this Association shall be ex-officio members of Bethel Association without their selection from any church."

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Wednesday Morning Session.

Devotional services were led by Rev. R. C. Poole.

Called for correspondents and visitors.

Regular order suspended and received petition for membership from Elmodel church. Referred to committee consisting of Bros. G. V. Tilley, B. M. Turnipseed and L. E. Murray.

Called for report of Treasurer. Treasurer being temporarily absent items 3 and 4 of order of business were passed.

Report of Committee on Laymen's Movement passed.

Called for report on Foreign Missions. Report read by Rev. G. V. Tilley. (See Doc. 2.) Spoken to by Bro. G. V. Tilley. Report left open until a later hour for discussion.

Called for report of Treasurer. (See Doc. 3.) Report read by the Treasurer, Rev. L. A. Duggan. Report referred to auditing committee—Bros. E. L. Smith, B. E. Joiner and J. W. Stanford.

Went into election of Treasurer. On motion adopted, the Clerk cast ballot of Association for Bro. L. A. Duggan for Treasurer.

Committee recommended the admission to membership of Elmodel church, with the suggestion that the church organize a Baptist Sunday School if possible. Report adopted.

Called for report on Education. Report read by Rev. O. L. Jones. (See Doc. No. 4.) Spoken to by Prof. Daniel, President of Norman Institute, and Rev. P. A. Jessup, representing Baptist Education Board. Report adopted.

Called for report of Trustees of Bethel College. Report read by Bro. L. A. Duggan, Sec.-Treasurer. (See Doc. No. 5.) Report adopted. Adjourned for preaching.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. O. L. Jones from Mark 16:15: "All the world." A special collection for State Missions was taken amounting to \$32.02.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Called for report on Laymen's Movement. Read by Bro. L. A. Duggan. (See Doc. No. 6.) Spoken to by Bro. Jno. Underwood and Bro. Farrell. Report adopted.

Report on Orphans Home was read by Bro. J. W. Stanford. (See Doc. No. 7.) Spoken to by Dr. J. W. Stanford and Rev. P. C. Barkley, and Dr. P. A. Jessup. A special collection was taken for the Orphans' Home, amounting to \$15.51 in cash and a barrel of potatoes by Bro. J. L. Ricks. The report was adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read by Bro. A. G. Hash. (See Doc. No. 8.) Spoken to by Bro. Hash. Report adopted.

Report on Nominations read by Bro. J. W. Stanford. (See Doc. No. 9.) Report adopted.

Report on Temperance was read by Bro. J. N. Massee. (See Doc. No. 10.) Spoken to by Bro. Massee, Prof. Daniel, Bro. Hash, Bro. Jessup, Bro. Crumbley, Bro. B. M. George and Bro. John Martin. Report adopted.

Thursday Morning Session.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. John W. Martin.

Auditing Committee report was read by Bro. J. W. Stanford. Report adopted. Report on Denominational Literature was read by the clerk. (See Doc. 11.) Discussed by Rev. P. C. Barkley, Dr. J. W. Stanford, Bro. B. M. George, Rev. R. C. Poole. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries was read by Bro. B. E. Joiner. (See Doc. 12.) Report adopted.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Rev. A. G. Hash. (See Doc. 13.) Spoken to by Bro. Hash. Report adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. T. F. Moody. (See Doc. 14.) Spoken to by Bros. T. F. Moody, Jno. Underwood, A. G. Hash and O. L. Jones. Report adopted.

Report of Executive Committee was read by Bro. L. A. Duggan. (See Doc. 15.) Report was adopted.

Report on Digest of Letters read by Bro. John Underwood. (See Doc. 16.) Report adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief read by the Clerk. (See Doc. 17.) Report adopted.

Motion to adopt reports on State and Foreign Missions. Spoken to by Bro. A. G. Hash. Reports adopted.

Fixed time for holding next session on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1912. Invitations were extended from Rehoboth and from Coleman churches. Coleman was chosen as the place of meeting.

Moderator appointed the following standing committees, which were confirmed by Association:

Standing Committees.

On Home Missions—Wm. D. Hammack, J. E. Paullin, L. M. Killingsworth, T. M. Brown, S. W. Manry, J. B. Turner.

On State Missions—O. L. Jones, J. E. Mansfield, J. W. Swann, C. A. Brown, J. T. Peak.

On Foreign Missions—A. G. Hash, J. W. Stanford, J. W. Sauls, W. H. Rish, C. W. Davis and J. T. Stewart.

Sunday Schools—J. G. Corley, L. A. Duggan, T. F. Moody, E. T. Pearce, J. A. Dawson, L. F. Murray and J. M. Johnson.

Temperance—G. V. Tilley, Wm. Starr, R. W. Plowden, Lee Craft, W. F. Davis and B. M. George.

On Orphans' Home—J. W. Martin, B. M. Turnipseed, J. B. Mills, J. E. Paullin, H. M. Kaigler and J. W. Johnson.

On Education—J. W. Sauls, J. N. Massee, J. L. Ricks, J. T. Roberts, C. E. Bigbie and B. S. Joiner.

On Denominational Literature—E. L. Smith, R. B. Martin, W. L. Culbertson, J. B. Payne, H. F. Melton and A. D. Ingram.

On Ministerial Relief—J. N. Massee, A. T. King, B. F. Lokey, R. G. Smith, A. G. Meadows and J. M. Balkcom.

On Woman's Work—W. L. Culbertson, A. G. Hash, O. H. Sanders, Joe Ray, S. C. Culbreth and G. N. Patrick.

On Obituaries—G. W. Stubbs, W. C. Wiggins, R. W. Plowden, R. W. Wolfe, R. T. Watson and John Strickland.

On Laymen's Movement—John L. Underwood, S. W. Manry, L. A. Duggan, J. L. Ricks, J. M. Taylor, D. W. Hammock.

Pay of Clerk fixed at \$25. Balance of funds appropriated for printing minutes, and the minutes of the W. M. U. to be included.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Bro. T. F. Moody and adopted by rising vote:

Resolution of Thanks.

Be it resolved, That we extend to the members of Enterprise church and to the community at large our heartfelt thanks for their unstinted hospitality in entertaining the Association in such a cordial and gracious manner. We pray that our coming among them may prove a benediction to them as it has to us through being with them.

The Finance Committee made a partial report and were granted leave to make full report after adjournment to be pub-

lished in the minutes. (See Doc. 18.)

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Association sang "God be with you till we meet again," and struck the parting hand.

A. L. MILLER,

W. W. FLEMING, Clerk.

Moderator.

Document No. 1.

Report on State Missions.

Your Committee on State Missions beg leave to make the following report:

The spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christ, for we find by reading after Him, that He was not selfish, but was always thinking of and desiring the welfare of others. We are taught that His people had his spirit dwelling in them, and the great desire of the church is the salvation of others. We read the history of the Georgia Baptists from the time that the first church till now, and we find that there has been a great desire upon the part of the church to plant churches in every county and community, that the gospel might be preached to the people, and it has been effectual and many souls have been saved in our glorious old state, and still we will have to put forth the same effort to maintain these churches and have the gospel preached in the destitute sections of the country and towns. We believe that if there could be a fund raised sufficient to put a man in the field as a colporter to sell books, and preach and visit the people in their homes, and hold up Baptist doctrine before the people, that the results would be good. We have many families who are not visited as often as they should be. Therefore, they become discouraged, and are sometimes persuaded to join other denominations, who will give them better attention than we are doing. And furthermore, we will have to be well established against the isms and heresies which come upon our territory and may capture our children, and lead them into erroneous paths. The hope of all missions is first at home. The early training and the well grounded principles of missions will fit us to go out into the world as the Master commanded us to do for the salvation of all mankind.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MARTIN, Chairman.

Report on Foreign Missions.

There is no more inspiring phase of Christian life and labor among the Baptists of the South today than the work of Foreign Missions. It is a work that appeals to the best type of Christian manhood. God has called all who love Him to the work of giving the gospel to every creature. The fact that it is a command of God is sufficient to show its importance; the fact that it is the will of Him who died for us is a sufficient incentive; and the fact that He has promised to be with us always and that His word should not return unto Him void should prompt us to the greatest endeavor. Our efforts in the past have not been a failure. Such can not be asserted except in poverty of information; or prompted by a covetousness that seeks to excuse itself or a feeling that asserts a condition that it would be glad to see. Failure can only be seen by comparing what we have done with what we might have done. The blessings of God upon our endeavors should greatly encourage us.

Our efforts to give the gospel to the unsaved in other lands are directed by the Foreign Mission Board, located in Richmond, Va. Work is being done in China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. Last year the Board employed 804 missionaries—273 Americans, and 531 natives. 3,618 converts were baptized. We have on the foreign field 297 churches, 605 out-stations and 21,343 members.

Last year the Southern Baptist Convention gave \$570,008.97 for the work. Of this amount Georgia gave \$74,970.51. Our Association was asked to contribute \$1,575.00, a little more than thirty-seven cents per capita.

It would be a dereliction of duty not to mention the excellent work done by the Woman's Missionary Societies in the Southern Baptist Convention. In this report special attention is called to the fact that much of the foreign mission enthusiasm in our Association is due to the 14 Missionary Societies within its bounds. We commend them for their zeal and consecration.

We believe that it will meet with the approval of God if every pastor in the Association will preach at least one sermon during the year, urging upon his people the duty and privilege of praying for the kingdom to come in the uttermost parts of the earth; and also urge upon them the necessity and privilege of giving liberally of their means to send the gospel to the heathen.

G. V. TILLEY, Chairman.

Document No. 3.

Treasurer's Report.

L. A. DUGGAN, Treasurer, in account with Bethel Association.

1910	Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 25 . To balance on hand	\$ 6.27	
Oct. 25. To balance C. A. DeVane fund	36.71	
Oct. 27. To amount from Finance Com.	308.96	
Nov. 2. By check to Dr. J. J. Bennett		\$226.96
Nov. 2. By check to W. W. Fleming		82.00
Nov. 11. To amount from W. M. U. for minutes	6.00	
Nov. 11. By check to W. W. Fleming		6.00
Dec. 15. By check to C. A. DeVane		15.00
1911. Jan. 16. By check to C. A. DeVane		10.00
Mch 2. By check to C. A. DeVane		10.00
Mch 4. By check to G. V. Tilley		6.10
(For printing, postage, etc., Ex. Com.)		
Mch. 14. To check from Morris church	3.61	
Mch. 16. To check from Edison church	13.55	
Mch. 26. To check from S. F. Sullivan	10.00	
Mch. 28. To check from Carnegie church	8.10	
Mch. 29. By check to C. A. DeVane		10.00
Apr. 24. By check to C. A. DeVane		15.00
Apr. 26. To amt. from New Hope church	3.60	
May 2. To amt. from Mt. Zion church	1.25	
May 20. By check to C. A. DeVane		16.00
Oct. 17. To amt. from Midway church	2.95	
Oct. 21. By amt. Association fund on hand17
Oct. 21. By amt. C. A. DeVane fund on hand, ...		3.57
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	\$400.80	\$400.80

We, the Committee appointed to audit the report of the Treasurer, beg leave to report that we have investigated the said report and find it correct and proper vouchers to cover each disbursement mentioned therein.

E. L. SMITH,
J. W. STANFORD,
B. E. JOINER,

Committee.

Report on Education.

Herbert Spencer said on one occasion that we had reached a period in the development of the human race when it was no longer possible to be entirely happy as long as there was any man unhappy; he further added that it was impossible to be entirely free as long as there was any one in bondage or entirely moral as long as there was any immorality. Much dignity was added to this statement because of the greatness of the author. He meant it to be general and as such applied to the universe. If this memorable statement is applicable to the world certainly it must apply, even with more force, to the people of Georgia where a more intimate relationship exists.

If we would have freedom, a high standard of morality, and the things that make for peace and happiness in the home, in the church, and in the State, we must educate. Carlyle said: "Lo, I call this tragedy and this alone tragedy, that a single human being should be born into the world with the capacity for knowledge and should die out of this world in ignorance."

The great Scotch prose writer was not far wrong when he said it was a tragedy to allow a person with a reasonable endowment of intelligence to go limping through the world handicapped by reason of ignorance.

Education is the leading out of darkness into light, out of ignorance and superstition into knowledge, out of error into truth. It is the development of all the faculties of mind and soul, thoroughly furnishing one for every good word and work, making one fit for the Master's use, fitting him for the mission of life, making him a potent factor for good in the world, making him indeed the "Light of the world, the salt of the earth." Education lies at the heart of Lord's program for the conquest of the world. He who said "Evangelize" also said "Teach." Any full definition of the work of the church must therefore embrace education. The church is composed of a select membership and their training in knowledge of the world and in the use of their powers is the only guarantee of their full efficiency in bringing in the kingdom of heaven. It follows that, so far as the disciples of Christ can accomplish this, all the materials and machinery of education are to be baptized in a Christian atmosphere, and administered in the direct purpose of Christian character, and of aggressive Christian propagandism. Whatever the civil community may do in the field of education in no way releases the disciples of Christ from the obligations here laid down. It is a duty to support public education, but it is the denominational school where the young life is trained for leadership in the church

and society and fortified against the skepticism imbibed in many of our large colleges of the North and East.

The church is facing a critical period. Our orthodox idea of religion is being attacked by nearly all the great universities, and our only protection against these merciless attacks is an educated ministry and a strong force of educated laymen whose confidence in God can not be shaken.

The place for Baptist boys and girls seeking education is in Baptist schools, and the denomination must provide and support them from secondary to college grade. We need better schools provided by public funds—better school houses, better teachers and longer terms. And we note with satisfaction the revival of interest throughout the State in the public schools and the increase of local taxation for their support.

But the atmosphere of these schools—whatever their grade of efficiency—can never become deeply impregnated with Baptist and Christian sentiment; and it is an atmosphere so charged that we require for our children. High schools, colleges and theological seminaries, under denominational control, are our way of creating this atmosphere and meeting these obligations; obligations, let it be repeated, imposed by the same authority and with the same imperativeness that has made it our duty to preach the gospel to every creature. Our Christian schools are as distinctly of divine authorization as our missionary organizations, and in the highest view are one with them, as all Christian enterprises, in all their complexity and variety are one.

The Georgia Baptist Education Board is nobly discharging these obligations through a chain of colleges and secondary schools. Mercer University, Bessie Tift and Shorter colleges are filled with boys and girls, many of whom have been prepared for college in one of our secondary schools of which we have fifteen in the State, i. e., Hearn Academy, Norman Institute, Cyrene Institute, Perry-Rainey Institute, Oaklawn Academy, Locust Grove Institute, Union Baptist Institute, Hiawassee High School, Cherokee High School, Gibson-Mercer Academy, Drake-town Baptist Institute, Ebernezer High School, North Georgia Baptist College, Blairsville High School and Bun-Bell Institute. The last five named are owned by Baptist Associations, but are not comprised in the Mercer System.

The great need of these colleges and schools is the loyal support of every Baptist in the state. Pray and give for their support. We urge every church in the Bethel Association, at the earliest possible date, to send a contribution to Dr. G. A. Nunnally, Corresponding Secretary, Rome, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. JONES, Chairman.

Document No. 5.

Report of Trustees of Bethel College.

Cuthbert, Ga., October 24th, 1911.

The Board of Trustees of Bethel College offer the following report: The Board was organized by electing J. W. Stanford, chairman; T. F. Moody, vice chairman; L. A. Duggan, Secretary and Treasurer. We have collected from the city of Cuthbert one year's interest, \$225.00. This amount is now in the hands of the Treasurer. We offer the following recommendation: We recommend that the interest accruing from the funds of Bethel college property shall be intrusted to the Executive Committee as payments shall be made; that the Executive Committee be instructed to lend that money to worthy young men and women, living within the bounds of Bethel Association and to take their notes for same. Providing, further, that those beneficiaries shall attend the schools of Bethel Association or of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman.

L. A. DUGGAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

Document No. 6.

Report of Committee on Laymen's Movement.

Your Committee on Laymen's Movement, offer the following report: Soon after the last session, the Executive Committee arranged for a meeting of representatives from all the churches of the Association. This meeting was held with the Cuthbert church and was fairly well attended. Several visiting brethren assisted in this meeting: Dr. L. R. Christie, Columbus; Bro. T. F. Mallary, Macon; R. J. Bacon, Albany. Several laymen of this Association visited and delivered addresses in some of the churches, but the interest in the movement has not been as strong as we have wished.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. DUGGAN, Chairman.

Document No. 7.

Report on Orphans Home.

Since the establishment of the Orphans Home we have never heard a single person object to or complain against this institution, thus proving conclusively that every one is in sympathy with and heartily endorses it.

A year ago there were 188 children in the Home. Since that time homes have been found for 44, and 67 have been admitted, coming from all parts of the state, making at present about 211, of which 98 are boys and 113 girls. During the year there was 49 cases of mumps, 70 cases of measles, 75 cases of whooping cough and several cases of pneumonia. Is it not remarkable that not a single child died from any of these many

afflictions? Could we have stronger evidence that our heavenly Father's protecting care is about them?

We want just here to call the special attention of our good women, who sometimes grow weary at mothering a few children at home, to Sister Johnson, who has the mothering of 211 children, and when you grow weary and complain at having to darn a few stockings and mend a few torn trousers and dresses, and tie up sore toes, remember her, with your prayers, who has 98 boys and 113 girls to do these things for.

We are glad to report that a good school is provided, with competent teachers, and all the children old enough are required to attend. The crowded conditions, in the children's sleeping apartments, laundry and infirmary reported last year have been largely overcome by the purchase of an additional 11 acres of land adjoining the Home, and these enlargements made by generous donations. You will see from the above report that there are 23 more children to be fed, clothed and cared for this year than there was last year. This calls for enlarged contributions from each church, Sunday school, Society and individual. See that your contributions in cash, provisions, clothing and everything needed are enlarged and that which you lend to God's poor, He will pay you back again in His own full measure.

When you pray for the Orphans, do not forget Brother and Sister Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman.

Document No. 8.

Home Mission Report.

Home Missions is the philosophy of making real a Christian civilization in America. To accomplish its purposes is a matter of surpassing importance in any wisely conceived mission policy.

The Old Testament prophets, whose eyes kindled with a vision of the world turning to God, in furthering this divine purpose gave their whole life to Home Missions. In the Great Commission our Lord gave commands that extend to the utmost limits of the earth, but for all time they also include for each disciple the limits of his own community. They radiate out from that and take in every place between it and the place furthest away.

In the prosecution of the purpose of our Lord for the redemption of the world, Peter and Philip and Stephen and James preached to the Jews as Paul was when he carried the glad news to the Gentiles. Foreign Missions succeeds only when it settles down and makes itself at home. Home Missions is missions making for itself a real home in the hearts of men, and in the economic, social and civic relationships of our own land. We must insist that the gospel of grace shall rise so high in the hearts of God's people that it shall overflow and enrich the arid fields of

greed and injustice and crime and wickedness in our own country. If we do not, we surely can not think that our gospel is strong enough to conquer heathen nations. Moreover, how shall we reply if the heathen nations shall say to us, Physician, heal thyself?

Out of 92,000,000 population in America only about 20,000,000 are members of evangelical denominations. About 12,000,000 belong to the Catholics, but their faith is so foreign to the genius of American institutions and so obscures the teachings of the Savior in its idolatrous dogmas of saint worship and papal infallibility that we must regard this religious body as a spiritual liability rather than an asset.

The present growth of the South in material prosperity is marvelous. Our vast material resources are being developed with an almost greedy haste. The enormous property losses of the Civil War have been retrieved and this section now has more wealth than the entire nation had when the war began.

Shall this material prosperity be a curse or a blessing to the South? The Christian people of the South hold the answer. If our religion is virile enough to consecrate this wealth to spiritual and moral ends, it will be a blessing. But if not—if the prosperity of our people is devoted to selfish luxury and pleasure—it will become a curse to the people and to the nation. We stamp the name of God on our minted coin, but only as that name is engraved on the living hearts of men will it avail for the nation, or for a lost soul. The greatest single threat to the power of religion in the South today is the Mammon of unconsecrated wealth.

The Home Mission Board conducts many departments of activity for saving the people and preparing them for lives of service. It has about forty-five workers among the foreigners, twenty-eight mountain mission schools, with 127 teachers and 4,500 students, eighteen trained evangelists who last year baptized about 3,000 converts, thirty-five Negro missionary evangelists working effectively among the Southern negroes, thirty-four missionaries who supply fifty-six churches and mission stations in Cuba, five missionaries and four helpers doing a successful work in the Canal Zone, a church building department which aided in building 289 churches last year, and twenty missionaries among the Indians in Oklahoma.

Besides the above, the Home Board participates co-operatively (principally with State Mission Boards) in a number of States in maintaining about 1,100 missionary pastors. This co-operative mission work is in line with the Convention's instructions to the Board to form the closest possible relationship with the existing agencies of the denomination in the various States.

To the end that our Board may enlarge its activities and do

for the denomination a work worthy of so great a Christian body and commensurate with the present urgent needs, your committee pleads for regular and large collections for Home Missions in the churches. Our Board could wisely expend a million dollars a year for it. It ought to do it, if we can only bring our churches to make a liberal response to its needs. Surely Southern Baptists must raise the \$400,000 asked, and our own State its apportionment of \$54,000, our Association its \$900.00.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That prayer be made in the churches for Home Missions, that God may open our eyes to see and our purses to use the rich opportunities to establish our country on the everlasting Rock of Ages.

2. That regular collections throughout the year be insisted on, instead of waiting, as so many do, to the end of the year to give to this cause.

3. That our pastors be requested to make an earnest effort at least once during the year to preach a special sermon on Home Missions, and the magnitude and importance of the problems involved.

4. That churches and pastors be encouraged to make a large use of the Home Board's informing tracts and sample copies of The Home Field, both of which are free for the asking.

ALBERT G. HASH,
E. J. HOBBS,
R. G. SMITH.

Document No. 9.

Report on Nominations.

We respectfully submit the following report:

Introductory Sermon—John Martin; alternate J. E. Dykes.

Missionary Sermon—J. G. Corley; alternate J. W. Martin.

Delegates to State Convention—G. V. Tilley, A. G. Hash, J. E. Paullin, W. D. Hammock, J. W. Martin, A. L. Miller, O. L. Jones, T. F. Moody, J. W. Stanford, H. M. Kaigler, D. W. Hammock, S. W. Manry, W. L. Culbertson, Henry Turner and C. J. White.

Trustees Bethel College were elected for five years last session.

Trustee Norman Park—T. F. Moody, 3 years.

Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Stanford; alternate, G. V. Tilley.

Executive Committee—A. G. Hash, A. L. Miller, G. V. Tilley, L. A. Duggan, D. W. Hammock.

J. W. STANFORD,
J. W. MARTIN,
L. M. KILLINGSWORTH,
Committee.

Document No. 10.

Report on Temperance.

All great questions seem to have their flow and ebb tides. And in the matter of prohibition, judging by their votes, the people of Maine and Alabama want to go back to the flesh pots of Egypt.

Drunkenness, it is said by those who have looked into the subject, has been a greater scourge to the United States than the swords of an invading army. Our best men have raised a banner and called on man and God to help in this battle against intemperance. Our prohibition law has, in a large measure, checked this evil. But we most earnestly protest against the present law in our State allowing the sale of near beer and we, the Beth-el Association assembled, urge the representatives and Senators of our respective counties and districts to abolish the sale of this great evil that is doing so much to cripple the enforcement of our prohibition law. We are admonished to be temperate in all things. God commands us to be.

J. N. MASSEE, Chairman.

J. T. STEWART,

S. W. MANRY.

Document No. 11.

Report on Denominational Literature.

First, we mention the Bible, which we, as Baptists, take as the man of our counsel and the guide of our lives. Then there is the Christian Index; and there is no better paper published, so far as we know. Then we have the Home Field by the Home Board, of Atlanta, Ga. It gives information of the work of the Home Board, its field, its needs, results, etc. We have also the Foreign Mission Journal, which seeks to keep the word of the Board before the people its field, needs and results. Then we have the literature of the Sunday School Board, and there is none better. We have heard that they have published some books that were good. We are well supplied with Baptist literature, but the deplorable part is we are not making much use of it. We suppose that every family has a bible, and yet it is clear that not much reading is done. We claim over two hundred thousand Baptists in Georgia, and yet the Index has but about ten thousand subscribers. Every family ought to take it and read it, and so of all the rest of our work. It is a fact that the best members of our churches are those that read the most and keep themselves informed. Some object to the Index because of the price, say it is too high, and yet they will give four or five dollars a year for a daily secular paper when, if they would take and read the Index and other papers, it would do them good for this life and for the life to come, while the secular paper

will bring them an account of all that is evil and tell them and their boys where they can get drams of all kinds, and thus do them harm for this world and for the world to come. So, after all, the good is the cheapest. Oh! that all of the people would read these good things and feast their souls on them, then the churches would be a power for good in the world. May the Lord hasten the time when our people may read the Bible and all other good literature. Respectfully submitted,

J. G. CORLEY, Chairman.

Document No. 12.

Report on Obituaries.

Your Committee on Obituaries offer the following report:

We are grateful that He has spared the lives of our ministerial brethren. Not having at hand the statistics of the churches we can not report on the number of deaths among our lay members. Respectfully submitted,

B. E. JOINER, for the Committee.

Document No. 13.

Report on Woman's Work.

A careful study of the history of the nations and all that has been accomplished in the way of christianizing and bettering their condition, reveals to us the fact that woman has ever been at the front in her efforts to aid and help along every effort which was for the good of humanity. Woman has ever been wide awake and alert, ready to meet every demand of the times; full of zeal and energy to be used for the service of the Master.

Do we need to search the Scriptures for authority as to Woman's Work? Both the Old and the New Testament abound with references to her work, influence, zeal, piety and consecration. The infant Savior in His lowly manger was born of woman. All through the three years of His preaching and teaching, we find noble, true, self-sacrificing women rallying around Him and His chosen disciples, rendering of their means, giving love and services gladly to aid those who were to carry the message of salvation to others. These women wept over the Crucified One, watched at the tomb and were the first to tell the news of a risen Savior. Here at the open door of the sepulchre, from the lips of her risen Lord Himself, woman received her commission to tell of the resurrected Christ.

We read in Luke, 8th chapter, 1st, 2nd and 3rd verses, that "He went throughout every city and village preaching and showing the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God; and the twelve were with Him, and certain women who ministered to Him of their substance." We find the consecrated and pious women attending the prayer meeting held before and after the Day of

Pentecost. Paul, in writing to the Philippian Christians, says: "I entreat you, help those women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also and with other fellow-laborers, whose names are in the Book of Life." Paul's references serve to show, in a measure, something of the activity of women in New Testament days. And Paul, in writing to the Romans, says: "I commend unto you Phoebe, our sister, who is a Servant of the church which is at Cenchrea, that ye receive her in the Lord as becometh Saints, and assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you, for she hath been a succorer of many, and to myself, also."

Paul, sojourning at Corinth, finds lodging at the house of Aquilla, the tent-maker. Here he worked with them, teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. We are constrained to believe that Priscilla was a woman of superior intelligence and wisdom, as he says, speaking of Apollus:

"A certain Jew named Apollus, an Alexandrian by race, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus, and he was a mighty man in the Scriptures. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the Baptism of John, and he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquilla heard him, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more accurately." Acts 18:24-26. Thus we see woman introduced in a new capacity. One she is eminently fitted to fill. It is given to her largely as mothers and teachers the power to mold the character of the nation. "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." In our history of Bible workers an honored place is given to Dorcas. Here is the Divine testimony: "This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds, which she did."

The women of the Old Testament were willing and ready to give of their means and the labors of their hands to further all good work. We read that when Moses asked for contributions to build the tabernacle that "They, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, came and brought bracelets, earrings, rings and tablets, offering an offering of gold unto the Lord." And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun—purple, and scarlet and fine linen." Ex. 35:22-25. Thus we see their most precious possessions were gladly given to the Lord. I know of no higher eulogium of woman's work than the gentle words of the Savior: "She hath done what she could."

The growth in missionary interest and effort among the women in our association is very encouraging. The contributions made by the Societies during the year just closed amounts to \$1,322.00. The amount for the W. B. M. U. last year amounted to \$61,918.74.

The Union is auxiliary to the Georgia Baptist Convention, and endeavors in its work to carry out the plans adopted by the Convention. Each women's organization in this association plans to work in perfect harmony with the church of which it is a part. All contributions made by the Societies are reported through the churches as a part of the church work. Much of the success in our work as an association is due to the earnest, consecrated efforts of our women, through their respective societies. God bless the noble women! They need the prayers, sympathy, co-operation and encouragement of our brethren. They can not do their work effectively without the help of the pastors. Therefore, we would urge the pastors and brethren having no Woman's Society in encourage them in organizing and, in the language of Paul: "That you assist them in whatsoever way they may have need of you.

ALBERT G. HASH, Chairman,
G. V. TILLEY,
J. G. CORLEY.

Document No. 14.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Agreeable to the recommendation of the Committee on Sunday Schools of the last Association, the Executive Committee called a Sunday School Convention of the Bethel Association on the 5th Sunday in April with the Edison church. Much interest was manifested and a number of helpful talks were made by the ministers and laymen, twenty churches having schools and three not having them were represented. Almost every phase of the work was discussed to the edification and building up of all who were present. We know that it was a great benefit to all and hope that it has been the means of making more enthusiastic workers in the Sunday Schools already at work and of awakening the brethren in the churches that have no school to a sense of their duties and opportunities.

We earnestly urge the pastors of churches not having schools to see that they are formed at once, as the Sunday School is the feeder to our churches. We report 32 schools in our Association this year against 29 last year—a gain of three schools. We again recommend that the Executive Committee arrange for another Convention next year.

T. F. MOODY, Chairman.

Document No. 15.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your Executive Committee offers the following report: We have continued to aid Bro. Carl DeVane since last session of the Association. The contributions for Bro. DeVane have been very small this year. Only seven churches have contributed (one of them during this session), and one individual, amounting to \$49.86. On hand last report \$36.71; total \$86.71. Amount sent to Bro. DeVane \$76.00, amount on hand \$10.57.

About the 1st of March your Committee held with the Cuthbert Baptist church an associational meeting of the Laymen's Movement. This meeting was assisted by Dr. L. R. Christie, of Columbus; Bro. Frank Mallary, of Macon, and Bro. R. J. Bacon, of Albany. The addresses of these brethren were very interesting and were greatly appreciated. Your Committee had some expenses connected with that meeting amounting to \$6.10. At our February meeting we decided to hold a Sunday School Rally. This was held with the Edison church the 28th and 30th of April, with 23 churches represented.

We present the schedule of Appeal for Contributions for the ensuing year and urge that each church make these amounts the minimum of their contributions. Respectfully submitted,

A. G. HASH, Chairman.

L. A. DUGGAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

Exhibit Showing Division of \$5,000.00 Among the Churches of the Bethel Association, for Which Appeal Is Made.

	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Ministerial Relief	Ministerial Education	Schools and Colleges
Bethel Asso. . .	\$1250.00	\$900.00	\$1500.00	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
Arlington	37.75	27.18	45.30	18.12	6.04	9.06	6.04
Antioch	13.00	9.36	15.60	6.24	2.08	3.12	2.08
Bluffton	17.75	12.78	21.30	8.52	2.84	4.26	2.84
Bethel	13.02	9.38	15.62	6.26	2.10	3.14	2.10
Bethany	30.75	22.14	36.90	14.76	4.92	7.38	4.92
Beulah	13.02	9.38	15.62	6.26	2.10	3.14	2.10
Blakely	58.75	42.30	70.50	28.20	9.40	14.10	9.40
Carnegie	32.50	23.40	39.01	15.60	5.20	9.80	5.20
Colomokee	31.25	22.50	37.50	15.00	6.00	7.50	6.00
Coleman	30.05	21.60	36.00	14.40	4.80	7.20	4.80
Cuthbert	81.04	78.32	98.20	38.88	12.96	20.04	12.96
Damascus, Early	9.30	6.48	10.80	4.32	1.44	2.16	1.44
Damascus, Ran.	64.25	46.26	77.10	30.84	10.28	15.42	10.28
Dover	25.00	18.00	30.00	12.00	4.00	6.00	4.00
Edison	47.50	34.20	57.00	22.80	7.60	11.40	7.60
Enon	21.50	15.48	25.80	10.32	3.44	5.16	3.44
Elim	25.00	18.00	30.00	12.00	4.00	6.00	4.00
Enterprise	28.00	20.16	33.60	13.44	4.46	6.72	4.46
Fort Gaines . . .	56.75	48.06	80.10	32.04	10.68	16.02	10.68
Friendship	27.25	19.62	32.70	13.08	4.27	6.54	4.27
Georgetown	26.00	18.72	31.20	12.48	4.16	6.24	4.16
Herod	19.00	13.68	21.80	9.12	3.04	4.56	3.04
Hilton	8.50	6.12	10.20	4.08	1.36	2.04	1.36
Leary	14.75	10.62	17.70	7.08	2.36	3.54	2.36
Sasser	31.04	22.32	37.20	14.88	4.96	7.34	4.96
Midway	6.25	4.50	7.50	3.00	1.00	1.50	1.00
Milford	12.50	9.00	15.00	6.00	2.00	3.00	2.00
Morgan	47.50	34.20	57.00	22.80	7.60	11.40	7.60
Morris	13.02	9.38	15.62	6.26	2.10	3.14	2.10
Mt. Gilead	14.00	10.08	16.80	6.72	2.24	3.36	2.24
Mt. Hebron	38.90	28.08	46.80	18.72	6.24	9.36	6.24
Mr. Vernon	17.25	12.42	20.70	8.28	2.76	4.14	2.76
Mt. Zion	12.25	8.82	14.70	5.88	1.96	2.94	1.96
New Bethel	42.75	30.78	51.30	20.52	6.84	10.26	6.84
New Hope	59.06	42.48	70.80	28.32	9.44	14.16	9.44
Pine View	17.75	12.78	21.30	8.52	2.84	4.26	2.84
Pretoria	2.50	1.80	3.00	1.20	.40	.60	.40
Providence	22.75	16.38	27.30	10.92	3.64	5.46	3.64
Rehoboth	44.50	32.04	53.40	21.36	5.12	10.68	5.12
Salem	73.50	52.84	87.20	35.28	11.76	17.64	11.76
Shellman	43.00	30.96	51.60	20.64	6.86	10.22	6.86
Shiloh	14.75	10.62	17.70	7.08	2.36	3.54	2.36
Springvale	8.50	6.12	10.20	4.08	1.36	2.04	1.36
Vilulah	53.50	38.52	64.20	25.68	8.56	12.84	8.56

Document No. 16.

Report of Ministerial Relief.

We find that there are some 40 or 50 old ministers in the State that are beyond the age to do active service for their Master. While in health and vigor they did a wonderful work, under many privations, for the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom in Georgia. They are now no longer able to do that work and are left to our care, and it is our unbounded duty to take care of them while they live. Our minutes have a schedule that during the month of July each year we are to take a collection for them in our churches. Now, we would recommend that all the ministers doing work in the Bethel Association take up a collection every July for their relief.

W. D. HAMMOCK, Chairman.

Document No. 17.

Report on Digest of Letters.

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, submit the following report. After carefully reading the letters sent up by the various churches, we urge the clerks of the churches to be more systematic in making out their letters and statistics as these are the only means of making a full showing as to the year's work. We find an increase of 3 Sunday Schools, making a total of 32. Total number of baptisms for the year 152.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. UNDERWOOD, Chairman,

J. T. STEWART,

E. T. DAWSON.

Document No. 18.

Finance Committee's Report.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following report:

State Missions, sent up by churches	\$33.99
State Missions, public collection (not handled by Com.) ..	32.02
Home Missions, sent up by churches	28.00
Foreign Missions, sent up by churches	24.94
Ministerial Relief, sent up by churches	8.40
Orphanage, sent up by churches	23.92
Orphanage, public collection (not handled by Com.)	15.31
Woman's Home Missionary Society sent up for min- utes and Clerk	6.00
Minutes and Clerk, sent up by churches	87.00
Total	\$259.58

E. L. SMITH, Chairman.

Schedule for Churches in the Bethel Association.

(Adopted from "Schedule for Baptists.")

January—Ministerial Education.

February—Home and Foreign Missions

March—Home and Foreign Missions. (Self Denial.)

April—Schools and Colleges. (Training School.)

May—Missions, Margaret Home and S. S. Board.

June—Missions.

July—Ministerial Relief.

August—Missions, Evangelist.

September—State Missions.

October—Orphans' Home.

November—Missions, Frontier Missionary.

December—Missions, Christmas Offering.

Directions for Sending Money.

Collections for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, Schools and Colleges, Orphans' Home should be sent to J. J. Bennett, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Atlanta, Ga.

Send collections for printing minutes and paying clerk to Treasurer of your Association.

NOTE—In sending money to J. J. Bennett, Secty. & Treasurer, great care should be exercised. If the money is from the church, Sunday School, W. M. S., Y. W. A., Sunbeams or Royal Ambassadors, let it appear so, distinctly. Also let the object or purpose for which the money is contributed be clearly stated. And all of this is next to useless unless the name of the Association is given in the letter in which the money is remitted. Not to give the name of the Association from which the money is sent utterly destroys the plans of the book-keepers in the Board's office where the effort is being made to keep accounts with the Associations.

No funds should ever be sent to the Association which are afterwards to be sent to the Boards.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

Article 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in divine perfection.

Article 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

Article 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on the principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

Article 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Article 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

Article 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by convention in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that it is only proper to have bishops, pastors and deacons.

Article 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

Article 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

Article 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for

his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association may order through her Executive Committee. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed unless suspended for a special object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions when seconded must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or use unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Morning.

- 10 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
- 11 A. M.—Introductory Sermon.

Tuesday Afternoon.

- 1. Former Moderator calls Association to order.
- 2. Devotional exercises.
- 3. Call roll of messengers.
- 4. Elect moderator and clerk.
- 5. Adopt order of business.
- 6. Hear applications for membership.
- 7. Fix hours of meeting and adjournment.
- 8. Call for correspondents and visitors.
- 9. Appoint the following committees: On Preaching, on Finance, on Digest of Letters, on Nominations.
- 10. Report on State Missions.
- 11. Miscellaneous business.

Wednesday Morning.

- 1. Devotional exercises.
- 2. Call for correspondents and visitors.
- 3. Report of Treasurer.
- 4. Elect Treasurer.
- 5. Report on Laymen's Movement.
- 6. Report on Foreign Missions.
- 7. Report of Trustees of Bethel College.
- 8. Report on Education.
- 9. Adjourn for preaching.

Wednesday Afternoon.

- 1. Report of Auditing Committee.
- 2. Report on Orphan's Home.
- 3. Report on Home Missions.
- 4. Report of Committee on Nominations.
- 5. Report on Temperance.
- 6. Report on Obituaries.
- 7. Adjournment.

Thursday Morning.

- 1. Devotional exercises.
- 2. Report on Denominational Literature.
- 3. Report on Woman's Work.
- 4. Report on Sunday Schools.
- 5. Report of Executive Committee.
- 6. Report on Digest of Letters and State of Churches.
- 7. Fix time and place for holding next session.

8. Appoint the following standing committees: On Home Missions, State Missions and Foreign Missions, on Sunday Schools, on Temperance, on Orphan's Home, on Education, on Denominational Literature, on Ministerial Relief, on Woman's Work, on Obituaries, on Laymen's Movement.

9. Report of Committee on Finance.
10. Arrange for printing minutes and paying clerk.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjournment.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. G. Corley	Route 1, Blakely, Ga.
E. S. Cheshire	Route 3, Blakely, Ga.
W. L. Culbertson	Shellman, Ga.
E. T. Dawson	Arlington, Ga.
J. E. Dykes	Route 3, Blakely, Ga.
A. G. Hash	Fort Gaines, Ga.
W. D. Hammock	Coleman, Ga.
O. L. Jones,	Blakely, Ga.
John Martin	Shellman, Ga.
John W. Martin	Cuthbert, Ga.
J. W. Sauls	Shellman, Ga.
Geo. V. Tilley	Cuthbert, Ga.
C. J. White	Carnegie, Ga.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches	Superintendent and Postoffice.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Enrolled	Number of Baptisms
Antioch					
Arlington	G. W. Harrison	Arlington	11	80	
Bethany	O. A. Jordan	Milford	6	60	
Bethel					
Beulah					
Blakely	B. R. Collins	Blakely	12	110	10
Bluffton	J. E. Mansfield	Bluffton	8	55	13
Carnegie	Wike Ivey	Carnegie	7	52	16
Coleman	W. D. Hammock, Jr.	Coleman	6	75	2
Colomokee	F. B. Melton	Blakely	7	41	8
Cuthbert	T. F. Moody	Cuthbert	13	190	
Damascus Early	B. M. George	Kestler	4	27	
Damascus Ran.	C. D. Peak	Cuthbert	3	30	5
Dover	S. M. Patrick	Rt. 5, Dawson			
Edison	Henry Turner	Edison	12	120	2
Elmodel	P. Crockett	Elmodel			
Elim	S. S. Sauls	Shellman			
Enon					
Enterprise	A. K. Smith	Edison			
Fort Gaines	J. E. Paullin	Fort Gaines	13	100	
Friendship	R. B. Martin	Shellman			
Georgetown	H. M. Kaigler	Georgetown	5	28	
Herod	J. H. McLendon	Dawson	7	30	
Hilton					
Leary	L. S. Jones	Leary			
Midway					
Milford					
Morgan	Z. T. Rabun	Morgan	8	96	
Morris	J. W. Cumbie	Morris Station	4	45	
Mt. Gilead	S. L. Jester	Fort Gaines	3	15	
Mt. Hebron					
Mt. Vernon					
Mt. Zion					
New Bethel	W. H. Grubbs	Cuthbert	6	35	
New Hope	J. A. George	Blakely	7	60	
Pine View	J. B. Turner	Blakely	4	25	2
Pretoria					
Providence					
Rehoboth	J. E. Henier	Shellman	4	44	
Salem	G. W. Tanner	Edison	4	60	2
Sasser	G. Fuller	Sasser	8	90	
Shellman	J. R. Powell	Shellman	4	75	
Shiloh	R. D. Crozier	Morris Station	5	36	
Sowhatchee	J. L. Ricks	Blakely	6	55	
Springvale	T. M. Davis	Springvale	6	40	
Vilulah	J. T. Roberts	Coleman	5	40	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Minutes	Other Objects	Total	City Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Schools and Colleges	Ministerial Education	Prayer
00	\$ 27.50	\$ 932.50	\$	\$ 15.60	\$ 12.62	\$ 10.75	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$
00	.. . . .	227.00	.. . . .	3.15	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
00	.. . . .	101.00	.. . . .	6.04	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
00	.. . . .	101.00	.. . . .	7.50	.. . . .	2.50	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
00	275.43	6396.43	24.76	124.25	161.12	112.42	55.00	55.36	.. . . .
00	.. . . .	301.00	.. . . .	41.78	38.01	30.97	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
00	40.00	342.00	.. . . .	25.00	20.00	.. . . .	.. . . .	8.15	.. . . .
00	129.79	461.79	.. . . .	46.85	98.87	8.87	17.00	6.47	.. . . .
50	5.00	256.50	.. . . .	10.00	19.50	19.50	.. . . .	10.25	.. . . .
50	177.85	1181.85	78.56	75.13	135.18	15.00
00	15.00	173.00	10.55	8.20	14.10
50	86.00	238.50	11.00	10.50	17.65	3.40
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00	79.00	979.00	32.56	26.64	48.40	13.32	10.36
50	100.50	4.40
25	43.00	200.25	10.00	8.00
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00	2.40	154.40	2.00
00	150.00	1689.00	163.32	122.85	143.69	123.00	22.43
50	23.20	274.70	10.10	10.10	10.10
00	12.73	214.73	.. . . .	13.00	14.00	16.09	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
00	126.00	352.60	.. . . .	.. . . .	11.90	11.00	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
50	25.00	125.50	.. . . .	2.50	2.00	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
50	.. . . .	152.50	.. . . .	5.00	5.00	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
00	.. . . .	122.00	.. . . .	3.65	4.00	8.05	.. . . .	2.95	.. . . .
00	.. . . .	122.00	.. . . .	3.30	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
50	36.00	437.50	.. . . .	16.30	38.00	22.10	.50	.50	.. . . .
50	13.00	139.50	.. . . .	8.23	6.00	5.60	.. . . .	3.61	.. . . .
50	.. . . .	126.50	.. . . .	.. . . .	4.00	3.00	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
00	.. . . .	112.00	.. . . .	4.00	4.00	4.00	.. . . .	8.15	.. . . .
50	.. . . .	1.50	.. . . .	7.00	7.00	7.00	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
25	.. . . .	126.25	.. . . .	1.25	1.00	1.00	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
00	35.00	229.40	.. . . .	35.50	.. . . .	50.15	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
50	77.03	359.53	.. . . .	3.00	3.50	3.50	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
50	3.00	104.50	.. . . .	.. . . .	2.00	9.44	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
50	.. . . .	151.50	.. . . .	.. . . .	9.50	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
00	.. . . .	102.00	.. . . .	20.85	.. . . .	5.00	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
00	47.25	300.25	.. . . .	55.00	54.00	62.84	.. . . .	15.00	.. . . .
00	29.50	361.50	.. . . .	20.00	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .
00	283.20	1109.31	.. . . .	59.55	.. . . .	66.75	50.00	17.36	.. . . .
50	106.50	10.20	7.78	9.06	.50	.50
00	6.25	1582.25	10.00
50	50.00	151.50	6.39	5.75	8.70	2.75	2.10
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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches	Superintendent and Postoffice.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Enrolled	Number of Baptisms
Antioch					
Arlington	G. W. Harrison	Arlington	11	80	
Bethany	O. A. Jordan	Milford	6	60	
Bethel					
Beulah					
Blakely	B. R. Collins	Blakely	12	110	10
Bluffton	J. E. Mansfield	Bluffton	8	55	13
Carnegie	Wike Ivey	Carnegie	7	52	16
Coleman	W. D. Hammock, Jr.	Coleman	6	75	2
Colomokee	F. B. Melton	Blakely	7	41	8
Cuthbert	T. F. Moody	Cuthbert	13	190	
Damascus Early	B. M. George	Kestler	4	27	
Damascus Ran.	C. D. Peak	Cuthbert	3	30	5
Dover	S. M. Patrick	Rt. 5, Dawson			
Edison	Henry Turner	Edison	12	120	2
Elmodel	P. Crockett	Elmodel			
Elim	S. S. Sauls	Shellman			
Enon					
Enterprise	A. K. Smith	Edison			
Fort Gaines	J. E. Paullin	Fort Gaines	13	100	
Friendship	R. B. Martin	Shellman			
Georgetown	H. M. Kaigler	Georgetown	5	28	
Herod	J. H. McLendon	Dawson	7	30	
Hilton					
Leary	L. S. Jones	Leary			
Midway					
Milford					
Morgan	Z. T. Rabun	Morgan	8	96	
Morris	J. W. Cumbie	Morris Station	4	45	
Mt. Gilead	S. L. Jester	Fort Gaines	3	15	
Mt. Hebron					
Mt. Vernon					
Mt. Zion					
New Bethel	W. H. Grubbs	Cuthbert	6	35	
New Hope	J. A. George	Blakely	7	60	
Pine View	J. B. Turner	Blakely	4	25	2
Pretoria					
Providence					
Rehoboth	J. E. Henier	Shellman	4	44	
Salem	G. W. Tanner	Edison	4	60	2
Sasser	G. Fuller	Sasser	8	90	
Shellman	J. R. Powell	Shellman	4	75	
Shiloh	R. D. Crozier	Morris Station	5	36	
Sowhatchee	J. L. Ricks	Blakely	6	55	
Springvale	T. M. Davis	Springvale	6	40	
Vilulah	J. T. Roberts	Coleman	5	40	

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND I
Antioch	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood .....	.....
Arlington	G. W. Stubbs, Arlington	W. J. Horsely, Arlin
Bethany	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	W. F. Lawrence, Mil
Bethel	J. E. Dykes, Blakely	J. F. Robinson, Blak
Beulah	E. T. Dawson, Arlington	J. E. Hudspeth, Ced
Blakely	O. L. Jones, Blakely	W. W. Fleming, Bla
Bluffton	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	J. S. Haisten, Blufft
Carnegie	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	Nelson Fellows, Car
Coleman	P. C. Barkley, Plains	O. J. Rhodes, Colem
Colomokee	J. G. Corley, Blakely	J. C. Balkcom, Blak
Cuthbert	G. V. Tilley, Cuthbert	J. B. Smith, Cuthber
Damascus—Early	G. W. Stubbs, Arlington	Grady I. George, Ke
Damascus—Randolph	G. V. Tilley, Cuthbert	J. T. Peak, Cuthber
Dover .....	.....	.....
Edison	H. L. Crumbley, Richland	H. E. Hammock, Edi
Elmodel	J. E. Dykes, Blakely	W. A. Morgan, Lea
Elim	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	J. T. Sauls, Shellma
Enon .....	.....	.....
Enterprise	C. J. White, Parrott	A. H. Richardson, Bl
Fort Gaines	A. G. Hash, Fort Gaines	J. M. Culpepper, For
Friendship	J. G. Corley, Blakely	W. H. Ferguson, Cut
Georgetown	J. A. Ivey, Dawson	H. M. Kaigler, Geor
Herod	Z. T. Weaver, Reynolds	R. B. Ferguson, Dav
Hilton	No Pastor	C. A. Belisle, Blakely
Leary	G. W. Stubbs, Arlington	B. I. Keel, Leary
Midway	S. J. Hargrove, Bronwood	M. A. Lokey, Hatche
Milford	J. E. Dykes, Blakely	J. W. Johnston, Leary
Morgan	J. W. Watson, Cuthbert	C. B. Weaver, Morg
Morris Station	J. A. Seay, Louisville, Ala. ...	J. W. Cumble, Morr
Mt. Gilead	Marian Greer, Oglethorpe	C. C. Lindsey, Fort
Mt. Hebron	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	J. W. Fellows, Carn
Mt. Vernon	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	J. R. Findley, Fort C
Mt. Zion	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	W. E. Pounds, Sr.,
New Bethel	W. D. Hammock, Coleman	B. F. Manry, Edison
New Hope	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	W. A. Lindsey, Bla
Pine View	E. T. Dawson, Arlington	J. W. Scarbrough,
Pretoria .....	.....	.....
Providence	E. T. Dawson, Arlington	W. J. Kenney, Blak
Rehoboth	J. G. Corley, Blakely	H. J. Edwards, She
Salem	J. W. Watson, Cuthbert	S. W. Manry, Ediso
Sasser	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	R. J. Grier, Sasser
Shellman	W. A. Mason, Shellman	R. T. Watson, Shell
Shiloh	J. O. Nowell, Richland	R. L. Boyett, Colem
Sowhatchee	J. R. Blewett, Cyrene	J. L. Ricks, Blakely
Springvale	No Pastor	T. M. Davis, Springv
Vilulah	A. C. Wellons, Plains	B. E. Joiner, Colem

Church	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total	Grand Total	Value of Church Property
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1.00	37.40	6.00	85.37	1094.17	12100.00	
.....	4.00	.....	7.15	234.15	500.00	
Antioch	.....	.....	.....	111.00	500.00	
Arlington	.....	.....	.....	111.00	500.00	
Bethany	3.00	34.08	5.00	574.99	7271.42	20060.00
Bethel	.....	14.20	.....	124.96	425.96	1000.00
Beulah	.....	15.00	.....	68.15	410.15	3000.00
Blakely	.....	8.57	.....	186.63	648.42	1500.00
Bluffton	.....	22.48	.....	81.73	338.23	1250.00
Carnegie	5.00	.....	21.00	329.87	1511.72	15500.00
Coleman	.....	10.00	11.15	54.00	227.00	1000.00
Colomol	1.00	3.00	.....	46.55	285.05	330.00
Cuthbert	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1200.00
Damasc	5.92	14.80	145.00	297.00	1276.00	2500.00
Damasc	.....	.....	.....	4.40	104.90	.....
Dover	1.00	6.00	.....	25.00	225.25	800.00
Edison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elmore	.....	6.50	.....	8.50	162.90	1200.00
Elim	4.25	105.21	7.25	702.00	2391.00	5000.00
Enon	.....	10.10	.....	40.40	315.10	1000.00
Enterprise	2.00	13.05	.....	58.14	272.87	1000.00
Fort Ga	.....	.....	.....	22.00	374.60	2000.00
Friends	.....	.....	.....	7.50	132.00	800.00
Georget	.....	.....	.....	10.00	162.50	1000.00
Herod	2.80	12.05	2.20	35.70	157.70	800.00
Hilton	.....	.....	.....	3.30	125.30	700.00
Leary	.50	.....	.....	77.90	515.40	1200.00
Midway	1.00	4.47	3.69	32.60	172.10	1000.00
Milford	2.90	5.00	.....	14.90	141.40	400.00
Morgan	.....	4.00	.....	24.15	134.15	500.00
Morris	.....	6.37	.....	27.37	28.87	.....
Mt. Gile	2.00	3.00	.....	8.25	134.50	500.00
Mt. Heb	.....	12.00	.....	97.65	335.05	1500.00
Mt. Ver	3.50	4.00	.....	17.50	337.03	1000.00
Mt. Zion	.....	2.72	.....	14.16	118.66	1000.00
New Bet	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hc	.....	.....	.....	9.50	161.00	800.00
Pine Vi	.....	.....	.....	25.85	127.85	.....
Pretoria	2.00	25.00	.....	223.84	524.09	.....
Providel	.....	.....	.....	20.00	381.50	4500.00
Rehobot	.....	.....	.....	193.66	1302.97	12000.00
Salem	.....	1.85	.....	29.89	136.39	500.00
Sasser	.....	.....	.....	10.00	1592.25	1530.00
Shellmal	1.25	4.00	.....	30.94	182.44	1400.00
Shiloh	1.85	12.00	107.62	270.64	840.00
Sowhato	3.97	403.85	201.09	3038.47	24962.72	101580.00
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MINUTES OF THE W. B. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Association met in Coleman Thursday morning, October 19th, 1911.

The meeting was opened with doxology and led in prayer by Mrs. Maçon.

Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Ed McDonald.

Greeting was given by Mrs. T. F. Harper and responded to in behalf of the Union by Mrs. Bob Jenkins.

The annual report of the superintendent was read by Mrs. Lillie Farnum. The Superintendent appointed the following committees:

On Nominations—Mrs. Albert G. Hash, Mrs. W. A. Mason, Mrs. W. L. Collins, Mrs. L. A. Duggan.

On Enrollment—Mrs. W. D. Hammock, Miss Alva Pierce, Mrs. W. H. Wells.

On Plan of Work—Mrs. John D. Gunn, Mrs. L. L. Lyon, Mrs. Will Hattaway.

On Obituaries—Mrs. O. L. Jones, Mrs. E. G. Sandlin, Mrs. W. F. Davis.

Paper, "Personal Responsibility," was read by Mrs. Lem Jay.

Report of Executive Committee was deferred until later.

Superintendent then called for reports from different societies.

A motion was made and carried that all invite the Society of the Colomokee church to join the Union.

We then had a full report from the Enrollment Committee. Edison, Blakely and Shellman extended invitations for the Union to meet with them next year.

Song and a prayer of dismissal by Mrs. Castellow. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Meeting opened with song and led in prayer by Mrs. O. L. Jones.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Devotional services were led by Mrs. J. A. Ivey.

Address—"How We Shall Give"—By Mrs. W. A. Mason.

Song, "More Like the Master."

The Young People's Work was ably discussed by Mrs. Minnie Bridges and Mrs. O. L. Jones. We were glad to have the school children of the town with us at this service.

Report on Plan of Work was read and adopted at this service, as follows:

Report on Plan of Work.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for what, as co-laborers with Him, he has enabled us to accomplish in the past

year, and praying that our plans may be in accord with His will, we, as a Committee on Plans, recommend

1. That we will, with renewed consecration and prayer, put forth still greater effort to enlist into active service the number of unenlisted women and young people in our Association.

2. That our daily lives may so exemplify the life and spirit of Christ, that others shall be persuaded to join in with us, as we strive to do the work which He commands us to do.

3. That we emphasize the importance of Bible study. "Search the Scriptures," said our Lord, "they are they which testify of me." Also the importance of mission study classes.

4. That we urge our women, especially our leaders, to subscribe for the Mission Messenger and other Missionary Periodicals.

5. That the different Societies accept the apportionment for their aim and that the same be kept constantly before them.

6. That the Executive Committee hold at least three meetings a year and as many more as the Superintendent may deem necessary.

7. That our Societies use the schedule for Baptists and systematically send their gifts by it unless otherwise directed.

8. The observance of the special seasons of prayer for State, Home and Foreign Missions.

9. That we hold one all-day Missionary Rally during the year.

10. That our giving be according to the New Testament teachings.

(1). That we give ourselves to the Lord.

(2) We give as God has prospered us—that we lay by in store.

(3) That we do not give grudgingly or of a necessity, remembering always that God loveth a cheerful giver.

(4) That we give systematically the tenth of all our increase unto the Lord.

11. That we remember that we are workers together with Him who said, "Greater work than these shall ye do."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JNO. D. GUNN,

MRS. L. L. LYON,

MRS. NELL HATTAWAY.

Services closed with prayer by Mrs. Jno. D. Gunn.

Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock heard Missionary Sermon by Dr. H. C. Buckholz.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock services opened with song, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Prayer by Mrs. Wells.

Devotional services led by Mrs. Gunter, followed by song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Address by Mrs. J. A. Ivey, "How shall our people know."

We had a helpful discussion on our Mission Work, led by Mrs. Ivey and Dr. Buckholz.

Presidents Conference led by Mrs. J. E. Paullin, assisted by Dr. Buckholz. Morning session closed with prayer by Dr. Buckholz.

Afternoon Session.

Opening song, "He Leadeth Me." Prayer by Mrs. Gunter.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. B. L. Briggman.

Solo, "God will take care of you," by Mrs. Lem Jay.

Paper, "The world's great need and our special field of work," by Mrs. H. D. Mashburn.

"Paper, "Do mission study classes and active service tend to greater spirituality," by Mrs. A. K. Hawkes.

Song, "All the way my Savior leads me."

A continuation of the President's conference. Questions asked and answers given by Dr. Buckholz.

Report of Treasurer received and adopted, showing a balance on hand of \$19.58.

Report of Nominating Committee read and adopted, as follows:

We, the Nominating Committee of Bethel Association, beg to submit the following report:

Mrs. Lillie Farnum—Superintendent.

Mrs. O. L. Jones, 1st Vice President.

Mrs. J. E. Paullin, 2nd Vice President.

Mrs. B. W. Ellis, Secretary.

Mrs. Dan Hammock, Treasurer.

MRS. ALBERT HASH,

MRS. W. A. MASON,

MRS. W. L. COLLINS,

MRS. L. A. DUGGAN,

Committee.

Report on Obituaries.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee appointed to make memorial to our sainted dead for the past year, beg leave to submit the following name: Mrs. T. F. Cordray, of Blakely, Ga. We owe much to the faithful, the never-tiring labors of this servant of God. She was ever ready to serve Him whom we all love and serve. With ready hand and willing heart she only awaited His command. We desire to record our love for her and to urge on the part of those of us left behind to emulate her example. Sister Cordray gave freely of her means, as well as her personal work. With sorrow-

ing hearts we miss this our co-laborer; but with Christian faith and Christian hope bow in submission to the will of our Lord, and bring you this a loving tribute to our dear departed sister.

MRS. O. L. JONES,
MRS. W. F. DAVIS,
MRS. E. G. SANDLIN,
Committee.

Committee on Time and Place for holding next meeting suggested Edison, which was adopted.

Executive Committee appointed by President is as follows: Mrs. O. L. Jones, Chairman Blakely; Mrs. J. E. Paullin, Fort Gaines; Mrs. L. L. Lyon, Arlington; Mrs. W. H. Wells, Shellman; Mrs. Jno. D. Gunn, Cuthbert.

Moved and carried that we set aside \$6.00 for printing minutes of this meeting.

Moved and carried that the dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Resolutions of thanks to the people of Coleman for their splendid and lovely entertainment of the Union was read by Mrs. Graham, and adopted by a rising vote.

Prayer by Mrs. W. A. Mason.

Address by Mrs. Gunter.

Song, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Closing prayer by Dr. Buckholz.

MRS. B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

Contributions Reported.

Shellman	\$202.25
Edison	100.25
Coleman	90.00
Blakely	145.50
Cuthbert	267.80
Kestler	45.10
Fort Gaines	241.34
New Hope ..	8.95
Bluffton.....	50.00
Morgan	65.00
Arlington	59.17
Georgetown	35.64
Damascus	17.15

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Constitution and By-Laws of Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Baptist Association.

Preamble.

We, the Women of the Church connected with the Bethel Association, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among women and children of the churches, and wishing to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards and the W. M. U., organize and adopt the following Constitution:

Article I. Name.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Baptist Association.

Article II. Object.

The two-fold object of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be: 1st. To distribute missionary information and stimulate effort throughout the whole Association. 2nd, To secure the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions.

Article III. Officers.

The officers shall be a President; two Vice Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

Article IV. Annual Meetings.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous Annual Meeting or by the Executive Committee.

Article V. Conduct of Meetings.

Every session of the W. M. U. shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. President.—The President shall preside at the Annual Meeting of the W. M. U. and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; and shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees. She may call special meetings of the Executive Committee when in her judgment needful, or at the request of three members of the Committee. In her absence chairman of the Executive Committee presides at Committee meeting.

Art. 2. Vice Presidents.—Vice Presidents shall seek to advance the interests of the Union in these communities, and preside at annual meetings in the absence of the President.

Art. 3. Secretary.—The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate records of the annual and special meetings of the Union; shall notify officers of their election and committees of their appointment and shall perform the other duties usual to her office.

Art. 4. Treasurer.—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, as reported to her from different churches or committees, and shall present a detailed report of all these accounts to each annual meeting. She shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to her office.

Art. 6. Nominating Committee.—The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President.

Art. 7. Elections.—The officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee on the afternoon of the last day of the meeting.

Art. 8.—The Executive Committee shall hold annual, semi-annual or monthly meetings for the transaction of business and shall report through its officers at each annual session of the Union.

Art. 9.—The By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual meeting.



MINUTES

—OF THE—

EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Bethel Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

COLEMAN BAPTIST CHURCH,

Coleman, Randolph County, Ga., October 29th and 30th, 1912.

OFFICERS:

A. L. Miller, Moderator Edison, Ga.
W. W. Fleming, Clerk Blakely, Ga.
Dan W. Hammock, Treasurer Coleman, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

G. V. Tilley Cuthbert, Ga.
O. L. Jones Blakely, Ga.
R. L. Brandenburg Fort Gaines, Ga.
H. M. Kaigler Georgetown, Ga.
A. L. Miller Edison, Ga.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next session will convene with the church at Edison, Calhoun county, Ga., on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1913.
2. Doctrinal Sermon, G. V. Tilley; alternate J. G. Corley.
3. Missionary Sermon, R. L. Brandenburg; alternate W. L. Culbertson.

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MINUTES.

Coleman Church, Randolph County, Ga., October 29, 1912.
The Eightieth Annual Session of Bethel Association met this day with the above named church at 10 a. m.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. John Martin.
Text: Luke 2:7.

Afternoon Session.

Former Moderator called the Association to order. Called the roll of messengers.

Roll of Messengers.

- Antioch—Represented only by letter.
Arlington—E. T. Dawson, A. B. Dawson.
Bethany—O. A. Jordan, S. P. Belcher.
Bethel—Tom Floyd.
Beulah—W. R. Hodges.
Blakely—O. L. Jones, W. W. Fleming, John Underwood.
Bluffton—A. D. Ingraham, W. T. Hammack.
Carnegie—Nelson Fellows, J. W. Swann, H. T. Weathersby, O. H. Sanders.
Coleman—W. D. Hammock, D. W. Hammock, I. P. Rhodes, C. A. Brown, W. H. Joiner.
Colomokee—J. G. Corley, T. F. Cordray, C. A. Roberts, F. B. Melton.
Cuthbert—Geo. V. Tilley, J. W. Stanford, T. F. Moody, J. N. Stanford, W. C. Cook.
Damascus (Early)—Not represented.
Damascus (Randolph)—C. D. Peak, William Ford, W. J. Waller, John Peary, J. D. Peak.
Dover—W. S. Thornton, H. A. McNeal, L. D. Gay.
Edison—A. L. Miller, C. G. Joiner, R. L. Jenkins, V. L. McTyer, C. O. Bell.
Elmodel—Not represented.
Elim—J. W. Sauls, J. E. Johnson.
Enon—Not represented.
Enterprise—A. K. Smith, E. W. Richardson.
Fort Gaines—Rev. R. L. Brandenburg, Ben M. Turnipseed.
Friendship—E. L. Williams, D. K. Bynum, T. T. Trippe.
Georgetown—H. M. Kaigler.
Herod—J. H. McLendon, H. F. Melton.
Hilton—Brooks Hall and H. R. Redding.
Leary—Represented only by letter.
Midway—C. M. Lokey, A. T. King.
Milford—E. A. Etheridge.
Morgan—Represented only by letter.
Morris—J. W. Boyett.

Mt. Gilead—J. J. Johnson, C. L. Jester.
 Mt. Hebron—J. W. Martin, J. W. Fellows, J. B. Watson,
 Claude Dawson, Barney Rhodes.
 Mt. Vernon—J. K. Stewart.
 Mt. Zion—W. D. McLendon, Will Gentry, W. C. Belisle.
 New Bethel—M. C. Engram, J. M. Taylor.
 New Hope—E. S. Cheshire, S. A. Lindsey, W. R. George.
 Pine View—George Turner, Joe Turner.
 Pretoria—Not represented.
 Providence—J. T. Bruner, Sr., Mason Harrell.
 Rehoboth—J. E. Lanier, Jr., C. W. Walker.
 Salem—J. M. Isler, J. H. Turner, S. W. Manry.
 Sasser—J. C. Joiner, R. J. Grier.
 Shellman—John Martin, C. T. Greer, J. F. Shramm.
 Shiloh—R. T. Boyett.
 Sowhatchee—J. L. Ricks.
 Springvale—J. N. Massee, J. D. Oliver.
 Vilulah—Wm. Ragan, E. L. Rish, R. S. Brown.

Permanent organization was effected by re-electing Bro. A. L. Miller Moderator and W. W. Fleming Clerk.

Order of business was adopted.

Fixed time of meeting and adjourning as follows: Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 10:45 a. m.; meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at will.

Called for correspondents and visitors. The following were announced: Dr. J. A. Ivey, J. E. Renew, Marion Greer, Bro. J. S. McGarah, of Friendship Association; H. L. Crumbley, of Summerhill Association; I. I. D. Miller, of Rehoboth Association, representing the Education Board and Bessie Tift college; Rev. J. O. Nowell, from Colquitt county Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Committee on Preaching—Rev. P. C. Barkley, pastor, and messengers from Coleman church.

On Finance—J. M. Taylor, T. F. Moody, J. W. Sauls.

On Digest of Letters—R. L. Brandenburg, E. W. Richardson, S. W. Manry and V. L. McTyer.

On Nominations—J. W. Stanford, R. L. Jenkins, T. F. Cor-dray.

Auditing Committee—H. M. Kaigler, J. E. Mansfield, O. H. Sanders.

Called for report on State Missions. Read by Rev. O. L. Jones. (See Document No. 1.) Spoken to by Rev. O. L. Jones and Dr. J. A. Ivey. Report adopted.

Called for report on Ministerial Relief. Read by J. N.

Massee. (See Doc. No. 2.) Spoken to by Bro. Massee and Bro. D. W. Hammock. Report adopted.

The following amendment of the Constitution adopted by a two-thirds vote at the last session of this body was called up for final vote and was lost: "Resolved, That Paragraph No. 1 of the Constitution of Bethel Association be amended by adding thereto the following words: Except that all ordained Baptist ministers in this Association and all ministers holding pastorates in this Association shall be ex-officio members of Bethel Association without their selection from any church."

Wednesday Morning Session.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. W. Sauls.

Called for correspondents and visitors. Following received: Rev. R. A. Morgan, of Friendship Association; Rev. N. G. Christopher, of Bowen Association; Rev. J. A. Reiser, Mallory Association, representing the Christian Index; Rev. S. J. Hargrove, of Friendship Association; Dr. J. J. Bennett, Corresponding Secretary of Georgia Baptist Convention.

Called for report of Treasurer. Read by J. W. Stanford in absence of Treasurer. Referred to Auditing Committee. (See Document No. 3.)

Bro. D. W. Hammock was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

On motion the subject of Missions was made a special order for 2 p. m.

Report on Laymen's Movement temporarily passed.

Report on Orphans' Home temporarily passed.

Report on Temperance called up by consent. Read by Bro. G. V. Tilley. (See Doc. 4.) Spoken to by Bros. Tilley and J. N. Massee, Bro. W. D. Hammock W. C. Cook, John Martin and W. D. Upshaw. Report adopted.

Called for report of Trustees of Bethel College. Read by J. W. Stanford. (See Doc. 5.) Report adopted.

Called for report on Education. Read by Bro. J. I. D. Miller for the committee. (See Doc. 6.) Spoken to by Rev. J. I. D. Miller.

Adjourned for preaching.

At 11 o'clock a strong Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Corley, following which a collection was taken amounting to \$46.71.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Special order on Missions taken up. Called for report on Foreign Missions. Read by R. L. Brandenburg. (See Doc. 7.)

Called for Report on Home Missions. Read by W. D. Hammock. (See Doc. 8.) Following the reading of these re-

ports Dr. J. J. Bennett, financial secretary of the State Baptist Convention, delivered a masterly missionary address at the close of which a collection and pledges amounting to \$170.75 for State Missions was taken, and on motion the collection taken up after the Missionary Sermon this morning amounting to \$46.71 was appropriated for State Missions. The reports on Home and Foreign Missions were then adopted.

On motion took up the report of the Committee on Obituaries. Report read by Bro. T. F. Moody. (See Doc. 9.) Spoken to by Rev. R. L. Brandenburg, Rev. W. D. Hammock, Rev. G. V. Tilley and Rev. P. C. Barkley. Report adopted.

Report on Nominations read by Bro. J. W. Stanford. (See Doc. 10.) Report adopted.

Called for Report of Auditing Committee. Read by H. M. Kaigler. Report adopted. (See Doc. 3.)

Motion adopted to hold a night session and complete the order of business if possible.

Wednesday Night Session.

Resumed discussion of the report on Education. Rev. N. G. Christopher spoke about the Cyrene Institute, followed by Bro. W. D. Upshaw, Bro. Christopher having offered the Association an interest in Cyrene Institute and requested the appointment of acting Trustees, on motion of Bro. J. L. Underwood a committee was appointed to look into the propriety of accepting said proposition and report to next Association. The chair appointed Bros. J. L. Underwood, E. T. Dawson and T. F. Moody.

Called for report on Laymen's Movement. Read by John L. Underwood. (See Doc. 11.) Spoken to by Bro. Upshaw. Report adopted.

Called for report on Orphans' Home. Read by Bro. J. I. D. Miller in absence of Bro. John W. Martin. (See Doc. 12.) Report adopted. A collection was taken for the Home amounting to \$10.91.

Called for report on Denominational Literature. Passed.

Called for report on Woman's Work. Read by Bro. W. L. Culbertson. (See Doc. 13.) Report adopted.

Called for report on Sunday Schools. Read by clerk in absence of Bro. J. G. Corley. (See Doc. 14.) Letter from Bro. Geo. W. Andrews read by Rev. O. L. Jones. Motion to amend report by appointing a Sunday School Committee to co-operate with Bro. Andrews in Sunday School Work. Spoken to by Bro. T. F. Moody. Report adopted as amended. The Moderator named Bros. C. A. Brown, J. L. Ricks and J. W. Stanford as the special Sunday School Committee.

Called for report of Executive Committee. Read by Rev. O. L. Jones. (See Doc. 15.) Report adopted without discussion.

Deport on Digest of Letters. Read by Bro. C. G. Joiner for committee. (See Doc. 16.) Report adopted.

Fixed time and place for holding next session by accepting an invitation to meet with the church at Edison on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1913.

Moderator announced the following standing committees, which were confirmed by the Association:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—R. L. Brandenburg, H. T. Weathersby, C. D. Peak, T. F. Cordray, C. G. Joiner.

State Missions—W. L. Culbertson, J. W. Swann, S. W. Manry, A. K. Smith, John Peary.

Foreign Missions—G. V. Tilley, D. W. Hammock, T. F. Moody, V. L. McTyer, J. W. Sauls.

Sunday Schools—T. F. Moody, J. W. Sauls, J. E. Johnson, H. M. Kaigler, C. M. Lokey, J. R. Stewart.

Temperance—Dan W. Hammock, W. L. Culbertson, T. F. Moody, J. W. Stanford.

Orphans' Home—J. G. Corley, W. C. Cook, I. P. Rhodes, W. S. Thornton, C. O. Bell.

Education—H. M. Kaigler, E. A. Etheridge, C. L. Jester, J. B. Watson.

Denominational Literature—W. D. Hammock, E. T. Dawson, J. W. Boyett, T. T. Trippe, A. D. King.

Ministerial Relief—J. N. Masee, O. A. Jordan, W. R. Hodges, W. C. Wiggins, William Ford.

Woman's Work—O. L. Jones, J. L. Underwood, W. D. Hammock, C. G. Joiner, T. F. Cordray.

Obituaries—J. W. Martin, W. H. Joiner, C. A. Brown, R. L. Jenkins, C. M. Lokey.

Laymen's Movement—J. L. Underwood, T. F. Moody, J. L. Ricks, H. M. Kaigler, W. D. Hammock, J. M. Taylor.

Finance Committee's report read by Bro. J. M. Taylor, as follows:

Finance Committee's Report.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

For Clerk and associational purposes	\$ 79.75
For State Missions sent up by churches	102.84
For State Missions public collection	46.71
For State Missions special collection	29.75
For Home Missions sent up by churches	20.38
For Foreign Missions sent up by churches	8.84

For Ministerial Relief sent up by churches	6.99
For Orphans' Home sent up by churches	21.84
For Orphans' Home special collection	10.91
For Minutes by Woman's Missionary Union	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. TAYLOR, Chairman,
J. W. SAULS.

On motion the sum of \$25 was appropriated to pay the clerk and the balance of funds sent up for minutes and clerk to be expended for minutes.

Resolution of thanks offered by Bro. T. F. Moody, as follows: "Be it resolved, That we extend to the members of Coleman church and to the community at large our heartfelt thanks for their unstinted hospitality in entertaining the Association in such a cordial and gracious manner. We pray that our coming among them may prove a benediction to them as it has to us through being with them."

A resolution was offered and adopted that "it is the sense of this body that Mercer University should not be removed from Macon."

The hour of adjournment having arrived, sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and struck the parting hand.

A. L. MILLER, Moderator.

W. W. FLEMING, Clerk.

Document No. 1.

Report on State Missions.

Jesus was a Missionary to a lost world. He came to bring salvation to a lost race. He commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Jesus was a State Missionary. He went about over the land of His own people, preaching and teaching in the cities, towns and villages and in the country, much of his time being spent in the open air with multitudes eager to see and hear him. He began his labors for a lost world at home, and confined his earthly ministry almost exclusively to his native land, its divisions being not unlike county divisions in our own State. The command to preach the gospel anywhere is the same command that bids it to be preached everywhere. State Missions is wrapped up in the heart of world wide missions. Destroy State Missions and the life center of Foreign Missions is destroyed. Neglect State Missions and World Wide Missions suffer. The gospel of salvation for Georgia is the gospel of salvation for the whole world. Sin is as ruinous in its effects in the individual soul in our beloved State as it is in the remotest regions of heathen

China. The soul of the negro in our kitchen is as precious in the sight of God as the soul of a negro in far-off Africa. The command to preach the gospel to Georgians is as binding as the command to preach the gospel to the African. Following the example of Jesus, we should cover all Georgia with the seed truths of the gospel. In this way we may hold the light and truth at home and so be able to give to them that have not. Our State is our point of departure, for all other fields of missionary labor. Our State line is not, however, our stopping place for the marching orders of our Lord still urge us forward to the ends of the earth. But if we refuse or neglect to do our duty at home, how can we be trusted to do it abroad? If we are disobedient and traitorous at home, how can we be expected to be obedient and faithful on foreign shores? If we care not for the rescue of the perishing at our doors our fellowcitizens whose faces we see and know, if we harden ourselves against them and send them to others to be warmed and fed, faint and fruitless will be our efforts to save the perishing beyond the range of our vision in the lands of heathenism. World-wide missions is dependent upon State Missions just as the whole is dependent upon parts.

We learn from a tract sent out by Dr. Bennett that fifty out of every one hundred persons in Georgia are not church members. The population is increasing more rapidly than church membership. This means that we must increase our gifts to State Missions and redouble our efforts to reach the unsaved and bring them into the Kingdom. During the last five years Georgia Baptists have increased their contributions to Home and Foreign Missions each \$20,000; to State Missions only \$14,000. We should not give less to the former, but more to the latter. Home and Foreign Missions have sixteen states to support them; State Missions has only one—Georgia. If Georgia Baptists, therefore, fail to support State Missions, State Missions will fail. Georgia is a great state from a material and Baptist point of view. Let us keep it so by making our contributions to State Missions increase in proportion to our material wealth.

The State Mission work for 1912 was laid out on a basis of \$75,000. While this is an advance over previous years it is not an advance in proportion to our needs. We must open our eyes to the stupendous changes that are taking place in our midst. "Now is the day and now the hour," for Baptists to establish churches in these villages; that are springing up and are destined to become cities. It is the only way to hold what God has given us or to discharge the obligations we owe to the Georgia of 1950. If our people are wise to see their day they

will put State Missions by the side of Foreign Missions and advance them together at the head of the benevolent column.

The State Board has asked this Association (Bethel) to contribute approximately \$4,000 for all purposes and this amount can easily be raised if the pastors will only make an earnest appeal to the members of their respective churches. We recommend that the Executive Board of this Association give this collection its constant attention and that they take such steps as they may deem wise to secure an adequate contribution from every church in our membership. Respectfully submitted,

O. L. JONES, Chairman.

Document No. 2.

Ministerial Relief.

All civilized nations provide liberally for their old soldiers. We, as a denomination should do as well for our veterans of the cross. The time has arrived in our religious thought when our veterans must be given their rightful place. We have forty-two ministers and thirteen widows of ministers who receive aid from the State Board. Our minutes have a schedule that during the month of July a collection be taken for this cause. Now, we recommend that our pastors and churches bear in mind the importance of this July collection.

J. N. MASSEE, Chairman.

Document No. 3.

Treasurer's Report.

L. A. Duggan, Treasurer, in Account with Bethel Association.

Oct. 21, 1911.	To balance of Association fund	\$.17
Oct. 21, 1911.	To balance DeVane fund	3.57
Oct. 24, 1911.	To DeVane fund, Colomokee church ...	7.00
Oct. 26, 1911.	To cash from Finance Committee	259.58
Nov. 1, 1911.	By check to C. A. DeVane	\$ 10.57
Nov. 1, 1912.	By check to W. W. Fleming, Clerk	93.00
Nov. 1, 1911.	By check to Dr. J. J. Bennett	166.58
Oct. 26 1912.	By bal. Association fund .....	.17

\$270.32 \$270.32

Vouchers attached. Respectfully submitted,

L. A. DUGGAN, Treasurer.

We, the Committee to whom the Treasurer's report was referred, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the statement, with vouchers attached thereto, and find the same correct. Respectfully submitted,

H. M. KAIGLER,

O. H. SANDERS,

Committee.

Document No. 4.

Report on Temperance.

The Temperance question is one that ever confronts us. It is not only a political and economic question, but a moral and religious one. However charitable we may be, it is not easy to understand how any person can consider it a debatable one.

Intemperance is greatly impeding the progress of our civilization. Much of the crime committed can be traced directly to it, and ignorance and poverty follow in its wake. It is doing untold evil in hindering the progress of the kingdom of our Lord. Truly, intemperance and Christianity are at enmity with each other, and certainly no Christian can be in doubt as to which side he should be on. The fact that we are our brother's keeper, and the welfare of our own homes, make this a personal matter.

A great moral question like this should not be considered from a financial point of view. When so done the conclusion is never correct. We can never compare money and morals. The consciences of our people need to be educated until the financial will not be paramount to the moral.

We are making progress in our State, and it is the duty of every Christian, as a law abiding citizen, to aid in the enforcement of the prohibition law of the State. It prohibits much and we should not despair because it does not prohibit all. It is true that there is a minimum below which imperfect creatures can not go, but we have not reached it yet.

It is earnestly hoped that the churches constituting this body will enforce their discipline on those members who indulge in drinking intoxicants.

Respectfully submitted,

G. V. TILLEY, Chairman.

Document No. 5.

Report of Trustees of Bethel College.

The Board of Trustees of Bethel College offer the following report: The city of Cuthbert has made some important improvements and repairs to the Bethel college building, but we have not succeeded in collecting another payment of interest on the amount due. In accordance with the resolution of last session, the amount then on hand, \$225.00, was transferred to the Executive Committee of the Association, to be loaned as directed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman.

L. A. DUGGAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

Document No. 6.

Report on Education.

In the efforts of Baptists to educate their boys and girls according to their way of thinking, it naturally lays upon that people the necessity of building, equipping and keeping, at least upon a par with all other schools of the State, Baptist schools in every way qualified to do as good and effective service as the best schools of the country.

It is highly gratifying to know that our Georgia Baptist schools, both the colleges and the secondary schools, compare favorably in location and equipment with the other schools of the State, and that the students turned out from these institutions stand in the various callings, in church work and in state affairs equal with those from the best institutions of the country.

Two things your committee would lay prominently upon the minds of our people at this time: First, the necessity of coming up with our gifts to the support and sustenance of the schools now before us by the action of the Georgia Baptist Board of Education; and, that of looking well to the patronage of schools by our own people. That we may keep before us the schools known as those of the Mercer system we offer a list below and we would suggest that the patrons and prospective students in our acquaintance be made as thoroughly acquainted with these unsurpassed opportunities as is convenient.

Colleges—Mercer University, Macon; Bessie Tift College, Forsyth; Shorter College, Rome.

Schools—Hearn Academy; Norman Institute; Cyryene Institute; Oaklawn Academy; Locust Grove Institute; Union Baptist Institute; Hiawassee High School; Cherokee High School; Gibson-Mercer Academy; Draketown Baptist Institute; Ebenezer High School; North Georgia Baptist College; Blairsville High School; Bunn Bell Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SAULS, Chairman.

Document No. 7.

Report on Foreign Missions.

A just and comprehensive view of Foreign Mission opportunities at present is the greatest inspiration in the Kingdom of God on earth. The complete transformation of China within the last few months is one of the greatest events in human history. A radical change of one-fourth of the human race intellectually and politically, and the making of them ready for the spiritual re-adjustment, in so short a time, is without parallel in the history of nations. The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., is a committee appointed by the Southern

Baptist Convention to carry on this our foreign mission work, by the co-operation of all our churches and in behalf of all our people. It is our work. One member of the board lives in each State and is called the State Vice President. A representative of the Board lives in every association. He is expected to confer with the Board and with the churches in the interest of the work. At the present meeting of the body this Association is expected to elect this representative of the foreign mission board to serve until the next meeting of the Association.

Our presen fields are Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Italy, Africa, Japan and China. The number of Missionaries on the field at present is 271. Native workers 577. Total force 848. Native churches 342. Sunday Schools 422. Woman's Training Schools 9, with 312 students. Theological Schools 10, with 245 students and many other organizations that are doing helpful Missionary work. Also four publishing plants and sending out millions of pages of religious literature. The contributions for 1911-12 were \$580,408, a gain of \$70,400 over the previous year. Our people can reduce our expenses very much by sending their money all through the year so as to save the interest account. Then let it be remembered that we are spending a great deal of money to arouse our people and increase contributions. The Southern Baptist Convention asked the churches to raise \$618,000 for Foreign Missions this year. Every dollar of this amount is needed to meet past obligations and maintain the work on a hopeful basis.

We would not fail to record the zeal and energy of our faithful women in the work of foreign missions. The Woman's Missionary Societies in the Southern Baptist Convention have been great factors in raising money and arousing enthusiasm in foreign missions. Much of the enthusiasm in our association is due to the Woman's Missionary Societies within its bounds. We bid them God speed in the extension of the Kingdom of our Master.

We call special attention to the equipment fund in honor of the Judson Centennial. \$1,250,000 is to be raised for equipping our schools and publication work and for the building of chapels, hospitals and missionary homes. We would ask that our people make this an object of prayer and give to it liberally.

We recommend, 1, That all our people help in our foreign mission work by subscribing for and reading the Foreign Mission Journal.

2. That we solemnly pledge ourselves to do our part to raise the amount of \$1,500.00, which has been asked of our Association this year. Our people need greater zeal, largeness of

soul and a larger vision of the Master's work, and of the world's crying need.

R. L. BRANDENBURG. Chairman.

Document No. 8.

Report on Home Missions.

Missions, for the sake of convenience, have been divided so as to give us what seems to be an unparalleled opportunity to acquaint the moving, restless peoples of other lands with the religion of our Christ. At such places as St. Louis, Baltimore, New Orleans and other cities populated largely by foreign nationalities, the Home Board has inroads to the great centers of those unacquainted with the faith of the Baptists. Besides, the various phases of the work presents such varied and opportune conditions as to beget from us our most hearty support. Every person touched by the agencies of the Home Board is only another chance to speak to thousands of that class which this board is endeavoring to reach at home and abroad. Your committee would urge our people to subscribe for the Home Field, to get acquainted with the whole of the Home Board work and to earnestly support it with sympathy, purse and prayer. Respectfully submitted,

W. D. HAMMOCK, Chairman.

Document No. 9.

Report of Committee on Memorials.

Servant of God, well done,

Rest from thy loved employ,

The battle fought the victory won,

Enter thy Master's joy.

The grim monster Death has been amongst us since last we met and many of our loved ones have yielded to his cold embrace. "'Tis vain for us to wait for the touch of a vanished hand or the sound of a voice that is stilled." We can but shed a sympathetic tear and record their names on memory's tablet and endeavor to emulate their good example.

Rev. A. G. Hash—On the 4th day of March, 1912, Rev. A. G. Hash breathed his last at a sanitarium in the city of Atlanta, after a short illness, at the age of 36 years. The news of his death came as a shock to this whole section. Bro. Hash was born in Grayson county, Va., and was ordained as a minister by Pine Branch church of Grayson county, on July 17, 1898. He married Miss Leola Paullin, at Fort Gaines, Ga., on April 17th. 1907. He served the Fort Gaines Baptist church for 7 years and was its beloved pastor at the time of his death. He died respected and loved by a host of warm and devoted friends.

In every walk of life Bro. Hash proved himself to be a man of great ability, untiring energy and unbounded zeal. In the church, in the community, and in the family circle he will be sadly missed. But the memory of his good deeds, his noble aspirations, his splendid work for humanity and his blameless life will live and bear rich fruits and coming generations will rise up and call him blessed.

He lived for those who loved him,
 For those who loved him true,
 For the Heaven that shone above him
 And waited his coming, too.
 For the rights that needed assistance,
 For the wrongs that needed resistance,
 For the future in the distance,
 For the good that he could do.

T. F. MOODY, Chairman.

Document No. 10.

Report on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations respectfully submit the following:

Doctrinal Sermon—G. V. Tilley; alternate J. G. Corley.

Mission Sermon—R. L. Brandenburg; alternate W. L. Culbertson.

Delegates to State Convention—J. N. Massee, H. M. Kaigler, T. F. Moody, A. L. Miller, C. A. Lanier, J. W. Martin, G. V. Tilley, J. W. Stanford, W. L. Culbertson, R. L. Brandenburg, B. M. Turnipseed, W. D. Hammock, Ed Stevens, D. W. Hammock, O. L. Jones, J. G. Corley, C. D. Peak, B. R. Collins.

Trustees Bethel College were elected for five years.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention—R. L. Brandenburg; alternate G. V. Tilley.

Executive Committee—G. V. Tilley, O. L. Jones, R. L. Brandenburg, H. M. Kaigler, A. L. Miller.

J. W. STANFORD,

T. F. CORDRAY,

Committee.

Document No. 11.

Report of Laymen's Committee.

We, the Committee on Laymen's Movement, appointed by the Bethel Association at 19th session, beg to submit the following report:

Our first meeting was held with the Coleman church and so much interest was manifested and such loyal support was given us by Bro. Barkley and the entire church, the enthusiasm

was very abundant and we felt that our meeting with this church was a success for the movement and a blessing to us.

We next received an invitation from the Edison Baptist church to meet with them. Such a hearty welcome was accorded us by Cro. Crumbley and the church that we were given inspiration from the beginning to the close of the services, and we left this church feeling again that results had been for the movement and the Master's cause.

Next came an invitation from Bro. Culbertson and the church at Carnegie, and a warm welcome awaited us there, and we had two glorious services, the laymen taking part in the Sunday school exercises, which were very interesting. We left the church feeling more blessed for having entered the Laymen's work.

Next came a most cordial invitation from Bro. Dawson and the Providence church. At this church we found a most remarkable greeting—the church building could not seat all the people. We found this a good church with a live pastor and no Sunday school, but before we left we succeeded in organizing and putting into operation a good Sunday school. We felt that we had accomplished much for the Master's cause by this visit.

Our next invitation came from the Bluffton church and Bro. Culbertson, and we were cordially received and an enthusiastic audience greeted us. We held, as usual, two services and found a good many of the members interested in our work who gave us much encouragement. We felt that we had a most successful meeting with the Bluffton church.

We had several invitations from Vilulah church which conflicted with other engagements, but our next meeting was held with Vilulah. We found this an unusually live country church. We found a very live Sunday school and an enthusiastic membership. Our afternoon service converted itself into a Christian experience meeting, which was very sweet from start to finish. We left this good church and Bro. Wellons feeling that they had been a blessing to us.

Next came an invitation from Bro. Dawson and Pine View church. Here we found a live country church, with a live Sunday school and a great crowd to witness our services, which we believe was a great success for the cause. We went into the work feeling that it was a most important division of the Master's work. We felt that we should accomplish something definite and we encouraged the Sunday Schools and churches which we visited to get into line with all the new plans of Christian work and to adopt all the new methods of carrying on the work. We tried to impress upon the individual his or her per-

sonal or individual responsibility to God. We tried to show the people and our brethren that the greatest barrier to the speedy evangelization of the world was the indifference of the Christian laymen. We were ably assisted in our work by Brethren T. F. Moody, B. W. Ellis, B. R. Collins, Elsie Smith, of the Bethel Association, and H. R. Ferrell, of the Mallary Association.

JOHN UNDERWOOD, Chairman,
D. W. HAMMOCK,
J. L. RICKS,
S. W. MANRY,
L. A. DUGGAN,
J. M. TAYLOR,

Committee.

Document No. 12.

Report on Orphans' Home.

Your Committee begs leave to make the following report on our Orphans' Home near Atlanta. Bro. Peter V. Price is general manager. We have about 250 orphans in the home. We have a 50 acre farm on which the larger boys are taught to work. The larger girls are taught to sew and cook. We have a good school where their minds are taught as well as their hands. We feel proud of our undertaking in Georgia to have a Baptist Orphans' Home and feel that the Lord has wonderfully blessed the effort. The needs of the Home are great. They need more prayer, they need more money; they need more syrup, more chickens, more clothes, more shoes, more hats. May the Lord bless the little ones and those who have them in charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MARTIN, Chairman.

Document No. 13.

Report on Woman's Work.

Facts and figures: In 1888 the Woman's Missionary Union was organized. Today it is estimated that over 10,000 Societies are contributing through the Woman's Missionary Union. Of this number over 8,000 are woman's societies; over 1200 Y. W. A.; over 500 Sunbeams and 300 Royal Ambassadors. The W. M. U. of Bethel Association has 14 Woman's Missionary Societies, 4 Y. W. A.'s, 9 Sunbeams and 4 Royal Ambassadors.

Last year our foreign mission board asked the union and its tributaries—the Y. W. A., the Sunbeams and the Royal Ambassadors—for \$142,500. The home board asked for \$95,000. The Sunday School Board asked for \$1,500. Besides the Margaret Home at Greenville, S. C., and the training school at Louisville, Ky., and lots of other things appeal to them for support.

In the twenty-four years of its existence, the Union has contributed two million dollars to the various enterprises fostered by our denomination. The women of Georgia contributed over \$70,000 last year. Of this amount the Union in the Bethel Association contributed \$1,320.16. This year it contributed for missions \$1,461.88. So we see that the Union is well worth its place in our church life as a money raising agency. But this is not her only mission.

We note with pleasure the enlargement of its work along moral and spiritual lines. It is fast becoming a mighty factor in our church work along the lines of cottage prayer meetings, administering to the sick and the poor, Mission Sunday schools in the cities and work among the young people in the cotton mill districts.

It belongs to the ordinary Scripture imagery to speak of the church under the figure of a woman, as Spouse, a mother. We read of the daughter of Zion in the Old Testament and Paul speaks in the New Testament of the Spiritual Jerusalem "As the mother of us all;" the Canticles show how familiar such conceptions were to the Jews; and the same kind of language is everywhere employed in one form or another in the writings of the Apostles. Woman was made of man, a deep sleep fell upon him for that purpose, and out of that sleep woman came into being. She was brought unto man and accepted and loved by him as bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, and made one with him in the closest of all earthly relations. And to say nothing of the feminine qualities as distinguished from the masculine, the church in her relation to the second Adam, in her naming after Christ, and in her receptivity, love, maternity, trusting dependence, beauty and willing obedience is the bride of Christ, his queen, partaker of his inmost love, and all his estate and kingdom, having her joy in him and his in her. Nor is there another image known to man which more richly and truly sets forth that mystic body which we recognize and identify in every age as the church or people of God. She is a royal woman crowned with the stars of Heaven. It is sometimes decried as a woman's weakness that she is fond of beautiful attire and has an irrepressible instinct for personal adornment. It is not a weakness, but an instrument of power. It is a part of her God-given nature as the original type and representation of the church. True she may abuse it and fall into many silly mistakes and sins by reason of it, but it becomes her and belongs to her proper womanliness to be as beautiful as possible and to be as attractive as she honestly can. She owes it to herself, to her sex, to her husband and to society. Woman, like the church, is the child and heroine of battles, sufferings and

victories. Without the show of conquest, and mostly in weakness and pain, straightened betimes as if it were impossible for her to survive, she has moved on side by side with man, through blood and fire, never surrendering, never losing a jot of zeal, doing her work against all the powers arrayed against her; and still she has lived on like the burning bush of Moses, unharmed by the fire, pushing her influence to the very throne of Satan, making mighty champions of truth out of the veriest Sons of Hell, penetrating into all the nations; and today still waves aloft the Palm of ten thousand contests, singing her victory songs to her God as when Miriam struck the symbols on the further shores of the Red Sea. Respectfully submitted,

W. L. CULBERTSON,

O. H. SANDERS,

JOE RAY, Committee.

Document No. 14.

Sunday School Report.

A Sunday school should be a church at work, hence the church should select all the officers and teachers, selecting those who are fitted for the places. They should love the work, the Lord, the church and the people. They should study the needs of the church, of the people and especially the Bible. They should be willing to make sacrifices for the school. They should try to interest all the people in the work. They should study the Bible and teach the Bible. There are so many helps to the study of the Bible that there is danger of studying about the Bible instead of the book itself. While those helps are good and should be used as helps, they must not take the place of the Bible.

The object of the school should not be to make Christians, but to sow the seeds of eternal truth and leave the results with God and God will bless the work. There was a class in a church this year in which there were a number of girls and boys taught by a faithful teacher and during the meeting in the summer they all joined the church. The schools generally use the convention literature and this we think is right, but we would like to suggest one thing about it—at the end of each quarter we have a review. We would suggest that at the end of one or two quarters let us have a lesson upon our doctrines, beliefs and practices, thus our young members might know what we believe and want to do and why we believe it and seek to do the work. There is a great need of earnestness in Sunday school work. The country is flooded with papers, the daily, the story papers and all kinds of papers. There are papers that are sent out that claim to be religious that are dangerous in their

teachings. The best way to meet these errors is with well informed officers and teachers and students. There is no better place for training them than in the Sunday school. Therefore, let us all work for, and pray and encourage the school.

J. G. CORLEY, Chairman.

Document No. 15.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your Executive Committee offers the following report:

Each member of the Committee felt a personal loss in the death of our beloved chairman, Rev. Albert G. Hash. On March 14th, 1912, we elected to the vacancy on the Committee Rev. O. L. Jones, of Blakely, who was also made chairman.

The Treasurer of the Committee had on hand last report \$10.57 of the DeVane fund. This amount was promptly sent to Bro. DeVane. We have since loaned to Bro. DeVane from the Bethel College loan fund \$40.00, for which we have his notes. We are gratified to report that Bro. DeVane is pastor of the Mabel White Baptist Church of Macon, while still pursuing his studies at Mercer University.

Your committee has on hand \$185.00 of the Bethel College loan fund available for other worthy young men or women.

We present the Schedule of Appeal for contributions to the various objects fostered by our Boards, and urge that the churches accept this appeal as the minimum amount of their contributions.

We note that the amount asked from Bethel Association is approximately one dollar per member and it has been so calculated for the different churches.

REV. O. L. JONES, Chairman.

L. A. DUGGAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

Exhibit of Appeal to the Churches of Bethel Association for the Year 1912-13.

	Total	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Minister- ial Relief	Minsterial Education	Schools and Colleges	Orphanage
Antioch	\$ 42.00	\$ 9.90	\$ 7.56	\$12.04	\$ 1.68	\$ 2.52	\$3.36	\$ 5.04
Arlington	140.00	32.67	25.20	40.13	5.60	8.40	11.20	16.80
Bethany	97.00	22.63	17.46	27.81	3.88	5.82	7.76	11.64
Bethel	39.00	9.10	7.02	11.18	1.56	2.34	3.12	4.68
Beulah	33.00	7.70	5.94	9.46	1.32	1.93	2.64	3.96
Blakely	236.00	55.07	42.48	67.65	9.44	14.16	18.88	28.32
Bluffton	81.00	18.90	14.58	23.22	3.24	4.86	6.48	9.72
Carnegie	116.00	27.07	20.83	33.25	4.64	6.96	9.28	13.92
Coleman	98.00	22.87	17.64	28.10	8.92	5.88	7.84	11.76
Colomokee	107.00	24.97	19.26	19.98	4.28	6.42	8.56	12.84
Cuthbert	262.00	61.03	47.16	75.11	10.48	15.72	20.96	31.44
Damascus-Early . .	34.00	7.93	6.12	9.75	1.36	2.04	2.72	4.08
Damascus-Ran. . .	206.00	48.07	37.08	59.05	8.24	12.36	16.48	24.72
Dover	80.00	18.66	14.40	22.94	3.20	4.80	6.40	9.60
Edison	183.00	42.76	32.94	52.46	7.32	11.98	14.64	23.96
Elmodel	13.00	3.03	2.34	3.73	.52	.78	1.04	1.56
Elim	120.00	28.00	21.60	34.40	4.80	7.20	9.60	14.40
Enon	69.00	16.10	12.42	17.78	2.76	4.14	5.52	8.28
Enterprise	79.00	18.43	14.32	22.75	3.16	4.74	7.32	9.48
Ft. Gaines	214.00	49.93	38.32	61.35	8.56	12.84	17.12	25.68
Friendship	97.00	22.63	17.46	27.81	3.88	5.82	7.76	11.64
Georgetown	72.00	16.80	12.96	20.64	2.88	4.32	5.76	8.64
Herod	69.00	16.10	12.42	17.78	2.76	4.14	5.52	8.28
Hilton	27.00	6.30	4.86	7.74	1.08	1.62	2.16	3.24
Leary	40.00	9.33	7.20	11.47	1.60	2.40	3.20	4.80
Midway	23.00	5.37	4.14	6.59	.92	1.38	1.84	2.76
Milford	37.00	8.63	6.66	10.61	1.48	2.22	2.96	4.44
Morgan	137.00	31.97	24.66	39.27	5.48	8.22	10.96	16.44
Morris Station . .	42.00	9.90	7.56	12.04	1.68	2.52	3.36	5.04
Mt. Gilead	44.00	10.27	7.92	12.41	1.76	2.64	3.52	5.28
Mt. Hebron	123.00	28.70	22.14	35.27	4.92	7.38	9.84	14.76
Mt. Vernon	54.00	12.60	9.72	15.48	2.16	3.24	4.32	6.48
Mt. Zion	39.00	9.10	7.02	11.18	1.32	1.93	2.64	3.96
New Bethel	129.00	30.10	23.22	36.98	5.16	7.64	10.32	15.28
New Hope	185.00	43.17	33.30	53.03	7.40	11.10	14.80	22.20
Pine View	54.00	12.60	9.72	15.48	2.16	3.24	4.32	6.48
Providence	68.00	15.87	12.24	19.49	2.72	4.08	5.44	8.16
Rehoboth	138.00	32.20	24.84	39.56	5.52	8.28	11.04	16.56
Salem	210.00	49.00	37.80	60.20	8.40	12.60	16.80	25.20
Sasser	90.00	21.00	16.20	25.88	3.60	5.40	7.20	10.80
Shellman	157.00	37.63	29.26	46.01	6.28	9.42	12.56	18.84
Shiloh	42.00	9.90	7.56	12.04	1.68	2.52	3.36	5.28
Sowhatchee	22.00	5.13	3.96	6.30	.88	1.33	1.76	2.64
Springvale	37.00	8.63	6.66	10.61	1.48	2.22	2.96	4.44
Vilulah	166.00	38.73	29.88	47.54	6.64	9.96	13.28	19.92

Document No. 16.

Report on Digest of Letters.

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, submit the following report:

Out of 45 churches in our Association, 35 churches report 146 baptisms and 27 Sunday schools. We find that there are 10 churches in our Association which are not represented by letters or have failed to turn in their letters. We therefore recommend that all the churches of this Association send letters and messengers, that greater care be observed in making up statistics and that every church of this Association strive to maintain a Sunday school and contribute liberally to Missions.

R. L. BRANDENBURG, Chairman.
E. W. RICHARDSON,
S. W. MANRY,
C. G. JOINER,
V. L. McTYER,

Committee.

Schedule for Churches in the Bethel Association.

(Adopted from "Schedule for Baptists.")

January—Ministerial Education.

February—Home and Foreign Missions

March—Home and Foreign Missions. (Self Denial.)

April—Schools and Colleges. (Training School.)

May—Missions, Margaret Home and S. S. Board.

June—Missions.

July—Ministerial Relief.

August—Missions, Evangelist.

September—State Missions.

October—Orphans' Home.

November—Missions, Frontier Missionary.

December—Missions, Christmas Offering.

Directions for Sending Money.

Collections for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, Schools and Colleges, Orphans' Home should be sent to J. J. Bennett, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Atlanta, Ga.

Send collections for printing minutes and paying clerk to Treasurer of your Association.

NOTE—In sending money to J. J. Bennett, Secty. & Treasurer, great care should be exercised. If the money is from the church, Sunday School, W. M. S., Y. W. A., Sunbeams or Royal Ambassadors, let it appear so, distinctly. Also let the object or purpose for which the money is contributed be clearly stated. And all of this is next to useless unless the name of the Association is given in the letter in which the money is remitted. Not to give the name of the Association from which the money is sent utterly destroys the plans of the book-keepers in the Board's office where the effort is being made to keep accounts with the Associations.

No funds should ever be sent to the Association which are afterwards to be sent to the Boards.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

Article 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in divine perfection.

Article 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

Article 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on the principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

Article 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Article 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

Article 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by convention in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that it is only proper to have bishops or pastors and deacons.

Article 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

Article 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

Article 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for

his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association may order through her Executive Committee. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed unless suspended for a special object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions when seconded must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or use unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Morning.

10 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.

11 A. M.—Introductory Sermon.

Tuesday Afternoon.

1. Former Moderator calls Association to order.
2. Devotional exercises.
3. Call roll of messengers.
4. Elect moderator and clerk.
5. Adopt order of business.
6. Hear applications for membership.
7. Fix hours of meeting and adjournment.
8. Call for correspondents and visitors.
9. Appoint the following committees: On Preaching, on Finance, on Digest of Letters, on Nominations, Auditing Committee.
10. Report on State Missions.
11. Report on Ministerial Relief.
12. Miscellaneous business.

Wednesday Morning.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Call for correspondents and visitors.
3. Report of Treasurer.
4. Elect Treasurer.
5. Report on Laymen's Movement.
6. Report on Orphans' Home.
7. Report of Trustees of Bethel College.
8. Report on Education.
9. Adjourn for preaching.

Wednesday Afternoon.

1. Report of Auditing Committee.
2. Report on Foreign Missions.
3. Report on Home Missions.
4. Report of Committee on Nominations.
5. Report on Temperance.
6. Report on Obituaries.
7. Adjournment.

Thursday Morning.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Report on Denominational Literature.
3. Report on Woman's Work.
4. Report on Sunday Schools.
5. Report of Executive Committee.
6. Report on Digest of Letters and State of Churches.
7. Fix time and place for holding next session.

8. Appoint the following standing committees: On Home Missions, State Missions and Foreign Missions, on Sunday Schools, on Temperance, on Orphan's Home, on Education, on Denominational Literature, on Ministerial Relief, on Woman's Work, on Obituaries, on Laymen's Movement.

9. Report of Committee on Finance.
10. Arrange for printing minutes and paying clerk.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjournment.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. G. Corley	Route 1, Blakely, Ga.
R. L. Brandenburg	Fort Gaines, Ga.
E. S. Cheshire	Route 3, Blakely, Ga.
W. L. Culbertson	Shellman, Ga.
E. T. Dawson	Arlington, Ga.
J. E. Dykes	Kestler, Ga.
C. Thomas Greer	Shellman, Ga.
W. D. Hammock	Coleman, Ga.
O. L. Jones,	Blakely, Ga.
John Martin	Shellman, Ga.
John W. Martin	Cuthbert, Ga.
J. W. Sauls	Shellman, Ga.
Geo. V. Tilley	Cuthbert, Ga.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P.
Antioch	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood ..	W. T. Moore, Hatche
Arlington	A. N. Morris, Donalsonville	W. C. Wiggins, Arlin
Bethany	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert ...	W. F. Lawrence, Mil
Bethel	J. E. Dykes, Kestler	J. F. Robinson, Blak
Beulah	E. T. Dawson, Arlington ..	J. E. Hudspeth, Ceda
Blakely	O. L. Jones, Blakely	W. W. Fleming, Bla
Bluffton	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	J. S. Haisten, Blufft
Carnegie	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	Nelson Fellows, Car
Coleman	P. C. Barkley, Plains	C. A. Brown, Colem
Colomokee	J. G. Corley, Blakely	J. C. Balkcom, Blak
Cuthbert	G. V. Tilley, Cuthbert	J. B. Smith, Cuthber
Damascus—Early		
Damascus—Randolph	G. V. Tilley, Cuthbert	J. T. Peak, Rt. 4, Cu
Dover		
Elison	H. L. Crumbley, Richland ..	H. E. Hammock, Ed
Elmodel		
Elim	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	J. T. Sauls, Shellm
Enon		
Enterprise	N. G. Christopher, Cyrene..	A. H. Richardson, B
Fort Gaines	R. L. Brandenburg, Ft. Gaines	J. M. Culpepper, Ft
Friendship	J. G. Corley, Blakely	W. H. Ferguson, Cu
Georgetown	J. A. Ivey, Dawson	H. M. Kaigler, Georg
Herod	J. O. Nowell, Funston	C. M. Harris, Dawso
Hilton	E. T. Dawson, Arlington ..	C. A. Belisle, Blakely
Leary	G. W. Stubbs, Brison	B. I. Keel, Leary
Midway	S. J. Hargrove, Bronwood ..	M. A. Lokey, Hatche
Milford	J. E. Dykes, Kestler	J. W. Johnston, Lea
Morgan	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	C. B. Weaver, Morg
Morris Station	J. A. Seay, Louisville, Ala.	J. W. Cumble, Morri
Mt. Gilead	J. C. Daniel, Preston	C. C. Lindsey, Ft. Ga
Mt. Hebron	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert ...	J. W. Fellows, Carne
Mt. Vernon	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	Rubie Pearce, Ft. Ga
Mt. Zion	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	W. E. Pounds, Blufft
New Bethel	W. D. Hammock, Coleman	R. W. Manry, Cuthb
New Hope	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert ...	W. A. Lindsey, Blak
Pine View	E. T. Dawson, Arlington ..	J. W. Scarbrough, E
Pretoria		
Providence	E. T. Dawson, Arlington ..	J. T. Bruner, Rt. 5,
Rehoboth	J. G. Corley, Blakely	H. J. Edwards, Shell
Salem	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	S. W. Manry, Edison
Sasser	J. A. Ivey, Dawson	R. J. Grier, Sasser
Shellman	C. T. Greer, Shellman	O. Z. Dean, Shellman
Shiloh	J. O. Nowell, Funston	A. W. Dawson, Mor
Sowhathee	N. G. Christopher, Cyrene	J. L. Ricks, Hilton
Springvale	G. Y. Hunt, Dawson	T. M. Davis, Springv
Vilulah	A. C. Wellons, Plains	B. E. Joiner, Colem

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	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total	Grand Total
9.	\$.....	\$ 4.10	\$.....	\$ 22.40	\$ 148.90
10.	1.00	41.90	5.28	198.62	1194.29
	.....	.....	18.05	19.05	146.05
11.	.....	.....	.....	3.50	104.50
	.....	3.00	.....	8.75	134.00
12.	3.00	53.88	40.00	710.08	7408.17
	.....	7.40	.....	41.33	342.83
	.....	10.00	.....	83.59	30.80
24	8.81	27.60	20.62	311.04	805.79
00	.....	18.00	4.05	64.50	356.50
00	6.83	63.36	.....	700.15	2982.15
	.....	17.00	.....	28.00	287.45
	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
J.	7.60	47.80	133.36	346.46	1240.46
	.....	.....	.....	38.00	40.00
R.	.....	7.40	.....	27.10	249.10
10	15.19	83.65	58.50	666.27	2388.27
E.	6.45	18.10	.....	56.69	238.19
	.....	5.00	.....	45.70	352.36
W.	.....	6.40	.....	101.62	343.42
	.....	3.00	.....	10.54	123.54
	.....	.....	.....	7.20	189.70
E.	2.65	13.40	3.85	60.58	181.58
	.....	.....	.....	2.00	124.00
	.....	.....	.....	70.00	321.50
J.	.....	5.16	.....	43.18	284.58
	1.00	3.00	.....	11.50	148.00
	3.34	3.34	.....	16.70	118.70
C.	.....	.....	.....	9.00	134.75
	1.00	2.45	.....	7.40	133.15
W.	.....	31.00	.....	63.95	240.95
	2.15	3.00	.....	14.15	198.15
	.....	.....	.....	38.50	265.00
O.	.....	.....	.....	13.00	164.35
	.....	9.30	.....	28.80	30.80
Jo	10.00	25.00	.....	158.55	479.55
	.....	15.00	20.00	80.00	565.05
31	34.00	70.00	28.15	634.16	1499.96
Jo	.....	.....	14.50	19.81	171.31
	.....	.....	23.00	32.90	123.60
00	6.00	16.50	50.44	176.94
J.	4.00	10.00	7.45	109.25	311.25
65	\$107.02	\$611.24	\$393.31	\$4944.46	\$25140.46

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches	Superintendent and Postoffice.		Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Number of Baptisms
Antioch					
Arlington	G. W. Harrison	Arlington	12	75	7
Bethany	O. A. Jordan	Milford	6	50	
Bethel					
Beulah					
Blakely	B. R. Collins	Blakely	13	140	2
Bluffton	J. E. Mansfield	Bluffton	8	55	1
Carnegie	Wike Ivey	Carnegie	5	90	4
Coleman	W. D. Hammock, Jr.	Coleman	6	75	1
Colomokee	J. G. Craft	Blakely	6	50	9
Cuthbert	T. F. Moody	Cuthbert	12	229	17
Damascus Early	B. M. George	Kestler	4	27	
Damascus Ran.	H. A. Freeman	Cuthbert	4	30	
Dover	S. M. Patrick	Rt. 5, Dawson			
Edison	Henry Turner	Edison	12	120	
Elmodel					
Elim					
Enon					
Enterprise	R. G. Smith	Bluffton	7	56	5
Fort Gaines	J. E. Paullin	Fort Gaines	13	100	11
Friendship	E. L. Williams	Shellman	4	40	
Georgetown	H. M. Kaigler	Georgetown	5	31	
Herod	J. H. McLendon	Dawson	4	20	
Hilton	J. B. Beasley	Hilton	5	45	
Leary	L. S. Jones	Leary	6	52	
Midway	W. E. Gay	Hatcher Station	3	46	
Milford					
Morgan	Z. T. Rabun	Morgan	8	97	
Morris	J. W. Cumbie	Morris Station	6	32	
Mt. Gilead			3	15	
Mt. Hebron					
Mt. Vernon					
Mt. Zion					
New Bethel	S. H. Page	Shellman	3	25	
New Hope	J. A. George	Blakely	7	68	
Pine View	J. Q. Scarborough	Blakely	6	70	
Pretoria					
Providence	J. W. Harrell	Blakely	6	54	
Rehoboth	J. E. Henier	Shellman	4	44	
Salem					
Sasser	H. L. Cartright	Sasser	10	150	
Shellman	J. R. Powell	Shellman	8	75	2
Shiloh	R. D. Crozier	Morris Stat on	4	25	
Sowhatchee	J. L. Ricks	Hilton	5	57	
Springvale	T. M. Davis	Springvale	6	52	
Vilulah	Russell Ragan	Coleman	5	40	

MINUTES OF THE W. B. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Association met in Edison, October 24th, 1912. The meeting was opened with doxology and led in prayer by Mrs. Watts. Song, "Blessed Assurance." Devotional exercises by Mrs. P. E. Keese.

Greeting was given by Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth and responded to by Mrs. Ben Rish. The annual report of the superintendent was read by Mrs. Lillie Farnum.

No report of the executive committee. Report of Treasurer.

Superintendent then called for reports from different societies. Report from Enrollment Committee.

Shellman, Fort Gaines and Morgan extended invitations for the Union to meet with them next year.

Song and a prayer of dismissal by Mrs. J. E. Paullin. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Meeting was opened with song and led in prayer by Mrs. L. E. Gay. Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Devotional services were led by Mrs. J. L. Jay. Prayer by Mrs. Gough. Appointment of committees.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. L. E. Gay, Mrs. W. F. Davis, Mrs. W. D. Hammock.

Obituaries—Mrs. E. L. Smith, Mrs. J. D. Gunn and Mrs. J. L. Jay.

Time and Place—Mrs. John Ward, Mrs. C. H. Sheppard and Mrs. W. C. Cook.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. L. L. Lyon, Mrs. J. E. Paullin and Mrs. G. G. Wiggins.

Paper on Systematic Giving by Mrs. L. E. Gay. It was moved and carried that this paper be sent to the Mission Messenger for publication.

Standard of Excellence was fully explained to us by Mrs. Gough. Song, "A Little Bit of Love," by Mrs. J. L. Jay.

Services closed with prayer by Mrs. W. C. Cook.

Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock we heard a sermon by Rev. H. L. Crumbley.

Friday Morning Session.

Services opened at ten o'clock with song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Devotional services led by Mrs. W. H. Wells. Prayer by Mrs. Mason. Prayer and Praise service.

Round Table—"Our People Do Not Know How They May Know," led by Mrs. Mason, with talks by Mrs. L. A. Duggan and Mrs. W. D. Hammack.

Song, "Take my life and let it be." Talk on Missions by Mrs. Gough.

Morning session closed with song and prayer of dismissal by Mrs. J. L. Jay.

Afternoon Session.

Opening Song, "Jesus Is All the World to Me."

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. J. L. Jay. Song, "God will take care of you."

Sunbeams—"Foundation Building," by Miss Addie Tolsen. "The Bible in Sunbeams' Hands," by Mrs. W. C. Cook. We then had a talk on Sunbeams' Work, by Mrs. Gough and Mrs. Mason.

"Mothers and Sunbeam Leaders," by Mrs. J. L. Jay.

Open Parliament—"The Master Calls for Our Best," led by Gough.

Report of Nominating Committee.

After prayerful consideration, we submit the names of:

Mrs. L. A. Duggan—Superintendent.

Mrs. B. W. Ellis—Secretary.

Mrs. Homer Joiner—Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

Inasmuch as God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call our dear Sister Clara Watkins to himself;

And our fellow helper in the gospel and dear brother in Christ, A. G. Hash, pastor of the Fort Gaines Baptist church, to a higher service for Him;

Be it resolved, That we sadly miss their fellowship and sympathy in the work and pray God to richly bless and comfort their loved ones and make their going for the good of those who are left.

MRS. J. L. JAY,

MRS. ELSIE SMITH,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Time and Place.

We, your Committee on Time and Place, recommend that the time be changed and the meeting be called to order at ten o'clock on Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1913, and extend through Friday. The place we have selected for next meeting—Shellman.

MRS. ROWENA WARD,

MRS. W. C. COOK,

MRS. CHARLIE SHEPHERD,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We come at the close of another year with hearts filled with love and praise to God, and giving to Him all the glory for the work He has enabled us to accomplish. We pray for inspiration and strength to do greater things during the new year.

We, therefore, as a committee, submit the following resolutions:

1st. We are grateful for the spirit of love and co-operation that has dominated every service of this meeting and to our officers for their faithful and competent leadership.

2nd. We extend to the people of Edison our most sincere thanks for their gracious hospitality. With loving words of welcome they have made us forget that we were strangers and each one of us has felt that she was the honored guest. We ask God's richest blessings upon them.

3rd. We express our gratitude to the Baptist church of Edison and our Methodist Sisters.

4th. We especially wish to express our deep love and gratitude for the faithful services of our beloved Superintendent Mrs. Lillie Farnum. May God's richest blessings rest on her in her new field of labor.

5th. Be it further resolved, That we be more earnest, prayerful and faithful in following the standard of excellence laid down for us and thereby hold up the hands of our consecrated leaders and hasten the coming of the Kingdom of our dear Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. L. LYON,
MRS. J. E. PAULLIN,
MRS. GEO. G. WIGGINS,
Committee.

Standing of Societies on Standard of Excellence.

Honor Roll—10 points.

Class A—9 points.

Class B.—8 points.

Class C—7 points—W. M. S., Cuthert.

Class D—6 points—Springvale, Edison, Shellman.

Miscellaneous Business.

That \$7.00 be set aside for the printing of the minutes and programs.

Session closed with song—"God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

MRS. B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

Constitution and By-Laws of Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Baptist Association.

Preamble.

We, the Women of the Church connected with the Bethel Association, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among women and children of the churches, and wishing to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards and the W. M. U., organize and adopt the following Constitution:

Article I. Name.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Baptist Association.

Article II. Object.

The two-fold object of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be: 1st. To distribute missionary information and stimulate effort throughout the whole Association. 2nd, To secure the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions.

Article III. Officers.

The officers shall be a President; two Vice Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

Article IV. Annual Meetings.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous Annual Meeting or by the Executive Committee.

Article V. Conduct of Meetings.

Every session of the W. M. U. shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. President.—The President shall preside at the Annual Meeting of the W. M. U. and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; and shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees. She may call special meetings of the Executive Committee when in her judgment needful, or at the request of three members of the Committee. In her absence chairman of the Executive Committee presides at Committee meeting.

Art. 2. Vice Presidents.—Vice Presidents shall seek to advance the interests of the Union in these communities, and preside at annual meetings in the absence of the President.

Art. 3. Secretary.—The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate records of the annual and special meetings of the Union; shall notify officers of their election and committees of their appointment and shall perform the other duties usual to her office.

Art. 4. Treasurer.—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, as reported to her from different churches or committees, and shall present a detailed report of all these accounts to each annual meeting. She shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to her office.

Art. 6. Nominating Committee.—The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President.

Art. 7. Elections.—The officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee on the afternoon of the last day of the meeting.

Art. 8.—The Executive Committee shall hold annual, semi-annual or monthly meetings for the transaction of business and shall report through its officers at each annual session of the Union.

Art. 9.—The By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual meeting.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION W. B. M. U. BETHEL ASSOCIATION

W. M. S.	Total membership	New members enlisted	Total female membership	No. subscribers to Messenger	Contribution through Board	Local Work	Value of Boxes	Grand Total	Leaders and Postoffice
Arlington	2	37	...	13	\$ 104.72	\$ 32.80	\$ 38.15	\$ 175.67	Mrs. W. L. Collins Arli
Blakely	14	39	92	19	135.25	22.60	78.50	236.35	Mrs. Nettie Coachman ... B
Bluffton	1	12	28	6	55.15	...	...	55.15	Mrs. W. B. Hattaway .. Bl
Coleman	...	26	47	9	97.85	...	...	97.85	Mrs. B. L. Brown Col
Cuthbert	4	35	...	11	248.30	19.25	63.50	331.05	Mrs. J. D. Gunn Cuth
Damascus—Early	2	12	14	5	53.47	...	...	53.47	Mrs. Emma Ray K
Damascus—Randolph	...	9	...	2	16.00	...	...	16.00	Mrs. E. G. Sandlin Rt. 4, Cu
Edison	...	50	...	25	100.00	60.00	25.00	185.00	Mrs. R. L. Jenkins E
Fort Gaines	2	27	...	5	206.45	...	...	251.45	Mrs. J. E. Paullin Ft. C
Georgetown	...	9	46	1	25.00	...	...	25.00	Mrs. D. M. Davidson.. Georg
Morgan	3	13	...	11	69.00	...	...	69.00	Mrs. A. K. Hawke M
Shellman	2	34	50	20	209.50	18.15	25.00	252.65	Mrs. B. L. Bridgeman .. She
Springvale	19	19	26	5	16.40	...	...	16.40	Mrs. Lula E. Stanley .. Sprin
Bethany	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. J. E. Griffin M
Carnegie	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. J. B. Wall Ca
Milford	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. J. E. Griffin M
Salem	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. W. B. Joiner I
Total for W. M. S.	...	...	...	...	\$1330.09	...	...	\$1765.04	
SUNBEAMS									
Arlington	...	38	...	...	4.80	...	...	6.80	Mrs. Alice Ray Arli
Blakely	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. W. W. Fleming E
Coleman	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. W. D. Hammock ... Co
Cuthbert	...	37	...	...	15.20	...	...	15.20	Mrs. W. C. Cook Cu
Damascus—Early	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Miss Janie Free K
Edison	15	45	...	...	20.11	...	...	20.11	Miss Eddie Tolson l
Fort Gaines	...	18	...	...	21.00	...	11.00	32.00	Mrs. A. G. Hash Ft. C
Georgetown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. D. M. Davidson.. Georg
Shellman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. J. M. Curry Sh
Total for Sunbeams	...	...	...	...	61.11	...	...	74.11	
Y. W. A.									
Blakely	...	...	...	...	5.50	...	...	5.50	Mrs. O. L. Jones E
Cuthbert	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Miss Susie Gunn Cu
Edison	...	33	...	...	8.25	...	...	8.25	Miss Mattie McTyer
Fort Gaines	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. A. G. Hasa Ft.
Total for Y. W. A.	...	...	...	...	13.75	...	...	13.75	
R. A.									
Blakely	...	...	...	...	5.50	...	...	5.50	Mrs. O. L. Jones E
Edison	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Miss Annie Cunningham ..
Shellman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. W. H. Wells Sh
Total for R. A.	...	...	...	...	5.50	...	...	5.50	
Grand Total	...	...	...	...	\$1417.45	\$199.80	\$241.15	\$1858.40	



MINUTES

—of the—

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

—of the—

Bethel Baptist Association

—Held With—

EDISON BAPTIST CHURCH,

Edison, Calhoun County, Ga., October 28, 29 and 30, 1913.

OFFICERS:

A. L. Miller, Moderator Edison, Ga.
W. W. Fleming, Clerk Blakely, Ga.
Dan W. Hammock, Treasurer Coleman, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

O. L. Jones Blakely, Ga.
B. S. Railey Cuthbert, Ga.
H. M. Kaigler Georgetown, Ga.
A. L. Miller Edison, Ga.
L. A. Duggan Cuthbert, Ga.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next session will convene with the church at Carnegie, Randolph county, Ga., on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1914.
2. Doctrinal Sermon, John G. Black; alternate, J. W. Martin.
3. Missionary Sermon, B. S. Railey; alternate, O. L. Jones.

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MINUTES.

Edison, Calhoun County, Ga., October 28th, 1913.

The Eighty-First Session of Bethel Association met this day with the above named church at 10 a. m.

Devotional services were led by Rev. E. T. Dawson.

The Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Corley.

Afternoon Session.

Former Moderator called the Association to order. Devotional services led by Rev. O. L. Jones.

Called the roll of messengers.

Roll of Messengers:

Antioch—John Beauchamp, John Griffith, W. T. Moore.

Arlington—W. C. Wiggins, J. M. Johnson, L. F. Murray,
G. W. Harrison, W. E. Howell.

Bethany—W. A. White, W. F. Lawrence.

Bethel—R. W. Wolf.

Beulah—W. R. Hodges, Joseph Harris.

Blakely—O. L. Jones, W. W. Fleming, John Underwood.

Bluffton—J. E. Mansfield, W. T. Hammack, J. S. Hais-
ten.

Carnegie—O. H. Sanders, Nelson Fellows, J. A. Culbreth,
J. J. Dawson.

Coleman—D. W. Hammock, C. A. Brown, I. P. Rhodes,
W. H. Joiner, W. D. Hammack, Jr.

Colomokee—J. M. Balkcom, E. G. Brown, W. H. Balk-
com, J. G. Corley, Jr., F. B. Melton.

Cuthbert—B. S. Railey, J. W. Stanford, C. A. Lanier,
J. E. Ware, T. F. Moody.

Damascus (Early)—D. H. Davis.

Damascus (Randolph)—J. T. Peak, T. J. Mabry, J. A.
Waller, Willie Sandlin, C. A. Sanders.

Dover—S. M. Padrick.

Edison—H. E. Hammock, R. L. Jenkins, C. G. Joiner,
V. L. McTyer, A. L. Miller.

Elmodel—Not represented.

Elim—J. T. Stewart, J. W. Sauls, Lem Cole.

Enon—John W. Lanier.

Enterprise—R. G. Smith, W. H. Rish, T. A. Meadows.

Fort Gaines—R. L. Brandenburg, B. M. Turnipseed, H.
D. McLendon, J. G. Brown, W. L. Paullin.

Friendship—W. A. Poindexter, E. E. Robinson, R. B.
Martin.

Georgetown—Represented only by letter.

Hillside—R. S. Rice, D. L. Patrick.

Herod—J. H. McLendon, H. F. Melton, D. J. Dennis.

Hilton—E. T. Dawson, C. A. Belisle.

Leary—R. M. Jordan, N. B. Johnson.

Midway—Represented only by letter.

Milford—W. Z. Rooks, C. E. Morris.

Morgan—Represented only by letter.

Morris Station—J. W. Cumbie, J. L. Cumbie.

Mt. Gilead—Clarence Jester, John Crozier, Lint Peterson.

Mt. Hebron—J. W. Martin, Z. T. Nichols, T. A. Fellows,

Emmett Bass.

Mt. Vernon—B. F. Pearce.

Mt. Zion—Not represented.

New Bethel—J. H. Manry, J. M. Taylor, P. H. Plowden, S. H. Page.

New Hope—J. J. McLendon, Sr., J. A. George, G. O. Lindsey, G. U. Mock.

Pine View—T. E. Fort, J. Q. Scarborough.

Providence—W. W. Jernigan.

Rehoboth—G. W. Bell, J. E. Lanier, Jr.

Salem—S. W. Manry, W. B. Joiner, J. B. Turner, John Turner, A. J. Culbreth.

Sasser—J. C. Joiner, J. M. Varner.

Shellman—C. Thos. Greer, John Martin, D. R. Mitchener, J. N. Watts, R. B. Martin.

Shiloh—A. W. Dawson, R. T. Boyett.

Sowhatchee—Not represented.

Springvale—J. N. Massee W. H. Cobb.

Vilulah—J. T. Roberts, B. E. Joiner, Iria Ragan, D. I. McFather.

Permanent organization was affected by re-electing A. L. Miller Moderator and W. W. Fleming Clerk.

Order of business adopted same as 1912.

Called for application for membership. Letter received from Hillside Baptist church, with a letter of recommendation from Bowen Association. On motion Hillside church was received as a member of Bethel Association.

Fixed hours of meeting and adjourning. Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 10:45 a. m.; meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at will.

Called for correspondents and visitors. The following were announced: Rev. R. A. Morgan, J. C. Daniels, Rev. W. H. Norton and Rev. A. C. Wellons, of Friendship Association; Rev. H. L. Crumbley of Summerhill, Rev. J. A. Ivey of Friendship Association; A. N. Morris of Pine Mountain Association; P. C. Barkley of Friendship Association, also representing the Index; Rev. John G. Black of West Florida Association and Prof. W. H. McDaniel representing Norman Park Institute. Rev. B. S. Railey, the new pastor at Cuthbert, was introduced to the body.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Committee on Preaching—Rev. H. L. Crumbley, pastor, and the members of the Edison church.

On Finance—Albert Culbreth, O. H. Sanders, V. L. McTyer.

On Digest of Letters—B. E. Joiner, R. G. Smith, H. E. Hammack.

On Nominations—Henry Turner, J. W. Stanford, John Underwood.

Auditing Committee—T. F. Moody, B. F. Pearce, R. S. Rice.

On motion, the hour of 2 p. m. Wednesday was made a special order for considering of State, Home and Foreign Mission reports.

Called for report on Ministerial Relief. Read by J. N. Masee. (See Doc. No. 1.) Spoken to by Bro. Masee, and Rev. W. H. Norton, Rev. E. T. Dawson, Rev. H. L. Crumbley, Rev. A. C. Wellons, Rev. R. L. Brandenburg, Bro. John Underwood, Bro. D. W. Hammock, Rev. B. S. Railey. Report adopted.

On motion a committee was appointed to send a message of condolence to Rev. John Martin, who is too ill to attend the sessions of this body, viz: T. F. Moody, J. M. Taylor, C. Thos. Greer and J. G. Black.

On motion as amended, it was resolved that hereafter the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions be read and discussed at the same hour.

On motion the order of business was changed by substituting item No. 4 on the order of business of Thursday a. m. for item No. 7 on Wednesday morning.

On motion Bro. W. H. McDaniel, of Norman Park, was invited to address the body concerning Norman Park Institute. Bro. Daniel's short address was full of enthusiasm for the cause of Christian education.

Wednesday Morning.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. John F. Eden.

Called for correspondents and visitors and the following were announced: Prof. T. A. Stanton of Cyrene Institute, and Dr. J. F. Eden, of Summerhill Association.

Called for Treasurer's report. Paper read by Bro. W. D. Hammack, Treasurer. Referred to auditing committee. (See Document No. 2.)

Bro. Dan W. Hammack was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

Called for Report of Committee on Orphan's Home. Committee not being present, on motion a new committee was ap-

pointed to report as soon as possible to this session—O. L. Jones, R. G. Smith and R. S. Rice.

Called for Report on Sunday Schools. Report read by Bro. T. F. Moody. (See Doc. No. 3.) Spoken to by Bro. Moody, Rev. C. Thos. Greer, Rev. B. S. Railey, Dr. J. W. Stanford, Rev. J. G. Black, Rev. W. H. Norton. Report adopted as amended.

Adjourned for preaching.

At 11 o'clock a strong missionary sermon was preached by Rev. R. L. Brandenburg, following which a collection amounting to \$32.55 was taken up for missions. At the same hour Rev. R. A. Morgan preached to an overflow meeting on the outside of the church. A collection was taken up for the benefit of Orphans.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

According to special order reports on State Missions was read by Rev. W. L. Culbertson (See Doc. No. 4) and on Home Missions by R. L. Brandenburg (see Doc. 5). The report on Foreign Missions not having been prepared by the committee. Rev. B. S. Railey was requested to prepare report and mail to clerk. (See Doc. No. 6.)

Rev. Carl W. Minor, of Bainbridge, representing the State Mission Board delivered a powerful address concerning the Mission Work of the State Board and the Southern Baptist Convention. Reports on State and Home Missions adopted.

Report on Laymen's Movement read by John L. Underwood. (See Doc. 7.) Spoken to by John Underwood. Report adopted.

Report on Orphans' Home read by Rev. O. L. Jones. (See Doc. No. 8.) Spoken to by Rev. P. C. Barkley. Report adopted and special collection taken up for Orphan's Home amounting to \$25.33.

Report on Education was read by the clerk in the absence of Bro. H. M. Kaigler. (Document No. 9.) Spoken to by Bro. Carl W. Minor and Prof. T. A. Stanton of Cyrene Institute. Report adopted.

Report of the Auditing Committee read and adopted.

Committee on Nominations read by J. W. Stanford for the committee. (See Document 10.) Report adopted.

Thursday Morning Session.

Devotional services led by Rev. John W. Martin.

Report on Temperance read by Bro. Dan W. Hammack. (See Doc. 11.) Spoken to by Bro. Hammock, Bro. Massee, Rev. W. H. Norton, Dr. J. W. Stanford, J. T. Stewart, T. A. Stanton, J. M. Taylor, H. L. Crumbley. Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries read by Rev. John W. Martin. (See Doc. 12.) Spoken to by Rev. J. W. Martin and D. W. Hammock, R. L. Brandenburg, C. T. Greer, during which was mentioned the death of Deacon J. E. Paullin of Fort Gaines and the serious illness of Rev. John Martin, of Shellman. The Association then engaged in prayer, led by Rev. H. L. Crumbley, in behalf of the family of Bro. Paullin and the recovery of the dear old Bro. Martin. Report adopted.

Report on Denominational Literature was read by Rev. P. C. Barkley. (See Doc. 13.) Spoken to by Rev. P. C. Barkley, Rev. O. L. Jones and D. W. Hammock. Report adopted.

Report on Woman's Work read by Rev. O. L. Jones. (See Doc. 14.) Spoken to by Rev. O. L. Jones. Report adopted.

Report of Trustees of Bethel College was read by Bro. J. W. Stanford. (See Doc. 15.) Report adopted.

Executive Committee report read by Rev. O. L. Jones, chairman. (See Doc. 16.) Spoken to by Rev. O. L. Jones, Rev. C. T. Greer and Bro. John Turner. Report adopted.

Report on Digest of Letters read by Bro. B. E. Joiner. (See Doc. 17.) Report adopted.

Fixed time and place of next session to meet at Carnegie on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1914.

The following standing committees were announced by the Moderator:

Standing Committees.

Home Missions—O. L. Jones, D. W. Hammock, C. A. Brown.

State Missions—J. W. Martin, O. H. Sanders, J. J. Dawson.

Foreign Missions—B. S. Railey, J. E. Ware, D. W. Hammock.

Sunday Schools—T. F. Moody, John Underwood, Henry Turner.

Temperance—J. W. Sauls, C. G. Joiner, J. M. Johnson, G. W. Harrison.

Orphan's Home—E. T. Dawson, W. H. Rish, J. M. Taylor.

Education—C. T. Greer, B. M. Turnipseed, J. M. Taylor, R. G. Smith.

Denominational Literature—R. L. Brandenburg, J. G. Corley, J. L. Underwood, C. J. Taylor.

Ministerial Relief—J. W. Stanford, J. H. Manry, S. H. Page.

Woman's Work—W. L. Culbertson, J. N. Watts, A. J. Culbreth.

Obituaries—J. N. Massee, John Turner, B. E. Joiner.

Laymen's Movement—J. L. Underwood, T. F. Moody, H. E. Hammock, J. N. Massee, C. J. Taylor.

Report of committee on Finance read by Bro. A. J. Culbreth. (See Doc. 18.) Report adopted.

The committee appointed to report on the advisability of accepting an interest in Cyrene Institute was continued until next session.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was extended to the church at Edison and community, regardless of denomination, for their royal entertainment of this body and the Christian fellowship they manifested towards their guests.

Report on Norman Institute read by the clerk for the committee. (Doc. 19.) Report adopted.

The following resolution to amend article 18 of the constitution so as to increase the number of members of the executive committee to 15, was adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote and will come up for passage at the next session:

“Resolved, That paragraph 18 of the Constitution of Bethel Association be amended by striking the word five in said paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the word nine, so that the executive committee shall hereafter consist of nine members.”

Adjournment.

A. L. MILLER, Moderator.

W. W. FLEMING, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Document No. 1.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief.

Are we as a denomination doing our duty by our aged ministers? We find in history that heroes are constantly kept before our eye and in this way patriotism is kept alive; so should it be with the heroes of the cross. We have been content to bestow on each per month a minimum of \$5.00, a maximum of \$10.00. Are we satisfied with this, my Christian brother? No! Now let us be generous in a practical way and practical in a generous way, for soon they will “pass over the river and rest under the shade of the trees.” Let us make their last days good days, and when God calls, let them feel that their toils have been appreciated and their memories not forgotten. This is a care of God and in no way can we show our love to our Heavenly Father more than in tenderly caring for those who loved Him and who fought his battles for Him.

J. N. MASSEE, Chairman.

Document No. 2.

Treasurer's Report.

Nov. 1. To balance of Association fund	\$.17
To Cash sent up to Association	291.20
To special collections	41.66
Nov. 5. By check to J. J. Bennett	\$248.66
By check to W. W. Fleming, Clerk	84.15
To balance on hand .....	.62

\$333.03 \$333.03

Vouchers attached. Respectfully submitted,
D. W. HAMMOCK, Treasurer.

To the Bethel Association:

We have examined the report of your Treasurer. His statement with vouchers attached thereto are correct.

T. F. MOODY,
R. S. RICE,
B. F. PEARCE, Committee.

Document No. 3.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

To conserve its natural resources is the greatest duty of any nation. So it is the duty of our churches to look well to those who are in the future to carry on the work of the church. The training and impressions formed in the mind of a child are those that are most lasting.

The Sunday School is the place that we look for those who may be developed into finished workman of whom the Master will not be ashamed. It is the duty of every pastor to see that a live Sunday school is maintained in his church. To see that it is progressive, well officered and graded. The Spirit of Missions should be uppermost and a collection for Missions should be taken at least once a month and the children from infancy educated in the grace of giving.

We recommend that the Chairman of the Sunday School Committee arrange for as many rallies as possible with groups of churches, getting the assistance of an expert to assist in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. MOODY, Chairman.

Document No. 4.

Report on State Missions.

According to the statistical report of the 1906 "Census of Religious Bodies," we find that only forty-six per cent of the population of the State of Georgia are members of any church. This means about one million, two hundred thousand non

church members in the State, or about one-half the population above ten years of age.

Of the six counties that practically compose the Bethel Association, the following per cent are church members: Baker 24, Quitman 37, Calhoun 38, Early 43, Clay 50, Randolph 62.

Not including our cities and towns, there is only one Baptist church in Georgia for every forty square miles.

There are now on the field in Georgia one hundred and forty missionaries, some for whole and some for part time.

There are in Georgia ninety-one Associations, two thousand, four hundred churches, and two hundred and eighty thousand members. Of the entire church membership in our state belonging to all denominations, fifty-seven per cent. are Baptists. The Baptists of Georgia are asked to raise seventy-five thousand dollars during the present conventional year for State Missions. Of this amount Bethel Association is asked to raise nearly one thousand dollars.

W. L. CULBERTSON, Chairman.

Document No. 5.

Home Mission Report.

FIRST. The task of the Home Mission Board is to elicit, combine and direct the energies of our whole denomination, in one mighty effort, for the spread of the Gospel of Christ. And while the world of God is not bound, and while the great purpose of missions is one; yet for convenience in carrying on the various departments of mission activity, the work of this Board is confined largely to the bounds of our Southern Baptist Convention.

Home Missions seeks to accomplish this stupendous task, through a series of well regulated departments; namely, Evangelism, Education, Enlistment and Co-operation, Church Building, Publicity, etc.

SECOND. What is the Home Board doing through these various departments?

1st. Through the department of Evangelism, with twenty-four workers, we are doing a special work of saving the lost. Last year it reported four thousand, nine hundred and eighty-two baptisms; six thousand, nine hundred and seventy-eight additions to churches; and twelve hundred and two volunteers for the Ministry and Missionary service. The cost of this work for the year will be forty-six thousand dollars. But what is this small cost compared to this great work of soul saving and enlistment of forces? And in addition to this, our Board is paying half the support of about thirty-five Missionaries among the Negroes.

2nd. Through the new department of enlistment and co-operation, our Board is seeking to enlist the undeveloped churches of our Associations. This is a new work under the able and efficient leadership of Dr. Arch C. Cree, but is already producing gratifying results. The cost of this work for the year is estimated at sixteen thousand, six hundred dollars.

3rd. Through the Department of Church Building, the Board is seeking to raise a million dollar building fund to assist the more than three thousand unhoused churches, and the more than three thousand poorly equipped churches in our Convention. Sixty-five thousand dollars has been expended in this way this year, and the demand is twice as large as the supply. Our Board is prosecuting this work in Cuba, in the Canal Zone, among the four hundred thousand Mexicans of Texas, the one hundred thousand Indians of Oklahoma, and among emigrants and foreigners in ports and cities of our Southland.

4th. Through our Educational Department our Board is maintaining thirty-four Mission Schools, with an attendance of more than five thousand students, at a cost to Southern Baptists for maintenance and plants of about fifty thousand dollars for this year.

5th. Through our Publicity Department, we are sending out millions of pages of tracts to keep our people informed about the opportunities and needs of our work.

THIRD—Facts and Figures. The oppressed of every nation today looks to America, to show the way to better things. We have tried and know of a truth, "that righteousness exalteth a nation." But our best efforts have been imperfect. We also know "that sin is a reproach to a nation." Of ninety-four million people in America, only about twenty-one million are members of any evangelical religious body. Of thirty-one million people in the Southern Baptist Convention territory, fewer than eleven million are members of evangelical bodies. After all these successful efforts of Home and State Missions, scores of communities in many States do not hear the Gospel Message. We must care for the work in the slums of our cities as well as along the fashionable boulevards and in the country. There are thousands of churches without resident Pastors, with only once a month preaching that are finding themselves inadequately taught and trained to meet the pressing needs of today.

FOURTH: Our Scope of Work. "We have learned by experience," as one has well expressed it, "that fraternal sentiment is good, but loyalty to Christ is better," and if Southern Baptists would accomplish their task, they would do well to consecrate and concentrate and direct all their forces towards

the work God has assigned them, leaving other denominations to choose their own spheres of work.

FIVE: What Our Home Board needs in order to carry on the work successfully. We need thirty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars every month in the year from our churches, in order to meet the obligations of the Board. We need that our people shall study the many problems that confront civilization which must be solved by our Home Board. We need that pastors and churches shall take regular collections for Home Missions without which we will be embarrassed by heavy debt.

Our people should form classes for Mission study, read tracts, pastors should preach on missions, and all should "give as the Lord has prospered."

The Home Mission apportionment for the whole South, is this year four hundred and thirty-one thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars. The apportionment for our State is fifty-four thousand dollars. That for our Association is nine hundred dollars. Every dollar of this apportionment is needed to carry on the work successfully.

SIX: Recommendations:

1st. We recommend that the amount for our Association be apportioned among the churches, and each church requested to raise its entire amount.

2nd. The pastors and workers, urge churches to subscribe for the Home Field, the monthly home mission magazine and to make large use of our home mission tracts.

3rd. That our churches give regularly and systematically to meet the constant needs of the Board.

4th. That earnest prayer be made for the cause of Home Missions in all our churches, and that our pastors be requested to preach on the subject as often as practicable.

The address of the Home Mission Board is Third National Bank Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. BRANDENBURG, Chm.,
H. T. WEATHERSBY,
C. D. PEAK,
T. F. CORDRAY,
C. G. JOINER

Committee.

Document No. 6.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The heart of Christianity is missions, and the soul is Christ. Jesus was the greatest Missionary, and His love for humanity was world-wide in its scope. He came to save. He died to save. The very heart throbs of His message, example and thought, was to give us a vision of a Lost World. When the

gospel fails at this point it is robbed not of its efficiency, but of its working utility. The Saviour's teaching, directing His co-workers to the ends of the inhabited earth, is so plain as doubtless to make it an insult to Divine veracity and classed as unbelief when not carried out. A true revival of religion is missionary in spirit. When we see through the Saviour's eyes and think through His mind we not only see a lost world, but we want this lost world brought to Christ. Verily, verily, Christ is our authority for a world-wide campaign. The messengers, the field and the message—all the information necessary for full equipment—has been given to us. We are without excuse and Christ will hold us responsible for a failure to carry out His instructions to the letter. He has given us the strongest encouragement by promising to go with us all the way, even to the end. Those who are GOING and those who are DOING may claim the promise of His companionship and none others. The 13th Chapter of Acts makes clear to us the position of the Holy Spirit to the Christ plan. What is your attitude? Are you with Christ and the Holy Spirit or is this one of the sins of omission in your program? Let us be careful that we do not oppose by word, thought or act the Christ plan. The church at Antioch was deeply spiritual and made rapid development because they believed the teachings of the Lord and were willing to carry out the directions of the Holy Spirit. Churches make progress in spiritual growth in proportion to a full acceptance of the Divine plan. Christ will not grant or give to us deep spiritual life unless we are willing that God's will shall be our will.

Facts and Figures—The Foreign Board is at work in seven fields strategic in location. Argentina has a population of seven million and is a country rich, growing rapidly and is ready for the gospel. Brazil has twenty millions and is one of the ripest fields in the world. Mexico has thirteen million and very greatly needs our help. The population of Italy is thirty-four million and is the fountain head of Romanism. The work from this field has extended into Northern Africa and up into the continent of Europe. Africa in Southern Nigeria, with six million, the gateway to all the central part of the Dark Continent, the battle ground, between Islam or the teachings of Mohammed and Christ. We are in touch in China with one hundred and fifty-six millions of people and in this great field there are hundreds of millions more unreached by us. This field furnishes marvelous opportunities. Japan has twenty million and is the leader of the Orient. Japan is now ready for the gospel as never before. These are our fields calling, calling, for laborers and equipment. It was Christ who gave to Paul the Macedonian

cry, and verily it is Christ who is calling us through these people. Paul heard the cry, will we?

The Forces—On account of deaths, failures in health and a lack of funds our number is less than three hundred on these fields. The native regular workers number nearly six hundred. The churches are growing in self support and in missionary endeavor. The Sunday schools are doing aggressive work. We have nine Women's Training Schools with a study body of more than three hundred. Our theological schools are well attended and splendid results are obtained. In six hospitals and thirteen dispensaries, thirteen medical missionaries treated nearly sixty thousand patients. We have four publishing plants sending out millions of pages of religious literature.

Results—The results are far beyond that of our own country when we compare equipment and forces. The average is more than forty baptisms per worker annually. Apart from this is the work of training and organizing the forces and laying plans for larger things in the future. The work as compared with the home work is phenomenal.

The Finances—When we think of the wealth of our denomination in the South and the interest paid by our Board to the banks on borrowed money, it is almost alarming. We can no longer pray for open doors and money with which to carry on the work. God is challenging us with open doors, with men and with women willing to go, and with means to send them. The sin is at our door if the work is not done. The Foreign Board is in debt and funds are being sent in slowly. May God wake us up, for surely our money is His and we are robbing him of His own.

The work of the Foreign Board is well organized and proper information may be obtained with little cost at any time from the educational department. Just a few dollars will obtain all necessary books and the Foreign Mission Journal which will fully equip any one, with some additional reading of the Bible, for intelligent work in the world-field. May every preacher in the Bethel Association do his full duty in preaching and teaching a full gospel and thus enlist every member in the work both in actual service and in contributions during the year. May the "every member" plan be our plan, for it is God's plan.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. RAILEY for Committee.

Document No. 7.

Report on Laymen's Work of Bethel Association.

We beg to report that we do not seem to have been so successful with our work during the present year as during the previous one. While we have been willing to work, we have not

had the encouragement and the invitations from the various churches that we would like and our plan of procedure outlined the first year seems to have come to a head with a very pleasant and successful Laymen's Rally with the Shellman church.

Our First Invitation for a rally came from the Arlington church and Bro. Morris, and we had a very enthusiastic meeting with this church. Instead of teaching the Arlington church many things alone the line of progressive Christian work, we learned a great many things ourselves, and found this experience one of mutual spiritual benefit.

We next had our Rally in conjunction with the Fifth Sunday meeting at Blakely, and feel that we aroused some interest in "systematic giving," as the Sunday school there has adopted the plan we outlined and collections for missions have increased wonderfully since.

Our next and last Rally came with the Shellman church, which was a very happy event in our experience. We were cordially welcomed and found a substantial Christian atmosphere existing there that made us feel good. We feel that we benefitted the church and know that we were benefitted by our visit there. Bros. R. J. Bacon and McDonald, of Albany, very ably assisted us in our Rally at Shellman.

We feel that we need some additional stimulus in the way of a regular missionary for the Association to forerun and lay out work for us to do. Our hearts are willing, our opportunities are great, but we need more system, and feel that a Missionary would be of great assistance to us. Submitted by

JOHN UNDERWOOD, Chm.,
T. F. MOODY,
J. L. RICKS,
H. M. KAIGLER,
W. D. HAMMOCK,
J. M. TAYLOR,

Committee.

Document No. 8.

Report on Orphan's Home.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report on our Orphan's Home, located at Hapeville, Ga.:

At present there are 240 children in the home, 205 of whom are in school under the management of four consecrated teachers. A school of telegraphy under the management of Mrs. Norman, has been organized. Fourteen are in this school, which has the approval of proper representatives of the Western Union Telegraph Co. We have a 50 acre farm cultivated by the larger boys, which furnishes fresh vegetables, etc., for the home.

There is now an effort to raise \$50,000 for the enlargement

and improvement of the home. We recommend that Bethel Association contribute its share of this amount.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. JONES,
R. G. SMITH,
R. S. RICE.

Document No. 9.

Report on Education.

Your Committee on Education begs leave to submit the following report: No report on Education can be complete or fair that does not take cognizance of the great work that is being done by our noble public school system. We would emphasize at the outset the importance of full co-operation on the part of all loyal citizens, with those having charge of this work, that our schools may more and more become all that is possible to them, whether in their practical workings or their far-reaching influence on the life of our citizenship. But we are today especially concerned with Christian Education, and, in this connection we note that there have been three steps in Baptist progress and development in Georgia: First, there was the desultory preaching and teaching by our pioneer workers; Secondly, we had organized missionary effort. This was a step in advance of our former desultory work. After this came the crowning work—the work of Education.

The work of the fathers was foundation work, and therefore necessary, but not until we launched an educational propaganda on a scale commensurate with our needs did we really begin to grow and develop as a denomination. The Christian college is a necessity. The limits of State education are such as to require denominational education. In our country there is separation between church and State. Our Constitution safeguards this truth. On this account, State Universities and schools can not teach men their highest duties—either in their relations with men or God—that is their religious duties.

President Hadley, of Yale, wisely said, "The chief source of vice is moral perverseness, not mental deficiency. If you improve a man's intellectual capacity without correspondingly educating his moral nature you are likely to change the direction in which his vicious instincts find outlet rather than to destroy those instincts themselves." Morality can not be successfully inculcated divorced from religion. It is here that we see the need and advantage of Christian schools and education.

The Christian school offers the broadest and most symmetrical development of all the faculties of the student. It sets right

standards, and presents proper ideals. It begets a spirit of nobility and develops the highest form of life. It teaches the student that his mental growth should contribute to God's glory and the uplifting and elevating of mankind.

Dr. E. M. Poteat, President of Furman University, declares that "the atmosphere of a college is comparable to the Christian atmosphere of a home, in its importance. You know the difference between a home that has it and the home that has it not."

Dr. E. W. Hunt, President of Denison University, says of our theological students, that "we get the various percentages as follows: 5 per cent from Secular Universities, 6 per cent from State Universities, 12 per cent from Christian Universities, 81 per cent from Christian colleges. Of our Foreign Missionaries, we get 5 per cent from secular universities, 7 per cent from State Universities, 9 per cent from Christian Universities and 85 per cent from Christian colleges. Almost exactly the same percentage holds true of Home Missionaries. The figures emphasize the vast need of liberally supporting our own colleges, Universities and other schools.

We trust it is not needful that we urge upon our people the importance of giving their sons and daughters the best educational advantages. Nothing can take the place of real Christian culture. All the accumulations and accidents of life are as nothing beside it. What we gather and hoard may vanish, but this endures and blesses its possessor and those about him throughout life. The aim of parents should be to seek, not the saving of life, but the saving of the boy. The chances are against him. The attractions of the world are fearful, and the suggestions of his heart compel him to daily combat. All things are new to him and untried. He is afraid of nothing and is anxious to test everything. To hedge him around with the very best influences, to shield him from every agency which can lead him to ruin, to place him where the air about him will be fragrant with holy teaching—all these are a part of the debt the parent owes to the child.

We unreservedly commend to our people as eminently worthy of their patronage and maintenance Mercer University, Shorter College, Bessie Tift College and all our schools comprising the Mercer System. Respectfully submitted,

H. M. KAIGLER, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations respectfully submits the following report:

Doctrinal Sermon—J. G. Black; alternate J. W. Martin.

Missionary Sermon—B. S. Railey; alternate, O. L. Jones.

Delegates to State Convention—B. S. Railey, W. L. Culbertson, D. W. Hammock, J. W. Martin, O. L. Jones, B. M. Turnipseed, W. D. Hammock, Henry Turner, C. Thos. Greer.

Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention—O. L. Jones; alternate, W. L. Culbertson.

Executive Committee—O. L. Jones, B. S. Railey, H. M. Kaigler, L. A. Duggan, A. L. Miller.

HENRY TURNER,
JOHN UNDERWOOD,
J. W. STANFORD,

Committee.

Document No. 11.**Temperance Report.**

Prohibition is no longer a debatable question. The liquor traffic with all its train of wicked indulgences that follow, no longer finds welcome in good society. One of our prominent Superior court judges has recently declared that "Two-thirds of all the divorce cases and nearly all the criminal cases which come before our courts were directly attributable to liquor." As a people, we are recognizing this fact, and have placed upon our statute books a law closing all open barrooms and saloons. This law has had the hearty support of our best citizens in practically all parts of the state. Only through the disguise of Near Beer and the Blind Tiger can it now be sold. These are now taking the place of the former open saloons and with what success the poisonous stuff is being gotten into the hands of our young men through these channels, we have only to observe casually the shipment of packages coming into our express offices. Our freight and express companies are delivering liquor to the blind tiger men, and the near beer men have to also depend upon them for their goods. Our fight has only begun, and we must accept the facts as they are and continue to stand fearlessly by our duty if we would hope to eliminate this great curse from our midst.

Our opponents, the liquor interests, are not going to sleep, they are not going to give up the fight and they are well organized and shrewd band. Our Senators and Congressmen should be men who appreciate noble manhood and womanhood to such extent that our laws should be framed in such a manner as to protect the characters of our boys and girls from this, the most

blighting curse which we have upon us, strong drink. It is only by the intelligent and conscientious use of the ballot in the hands of our best people that we can get the right kind of men in our legislative halls, and every good citizen should feel the great responsibility that rests upon him at the ballot box, and should feel enough interest in these great problems to see to it that his vote is cast, and that it is cast to support the true principles of manhood. In our late and lamented Congressman, the Hon. S. A. Roddenbery, we had a man who stood fearlessly for the right and your committee wishes to commend his life as an example of what we need in our legislative halls. Then let us keep up the fight, let us be ready and be on the alert at all times. Let us not be too much elated over a little victory and drop off into a placid slumber. Truth and righteousness are mighty weapons against all evil, but they need to be kept in active and constant service and our faith in God kept alive and growing. He will give us the victory.

Now, one other point and we shall have finished: All effort possible should be put forth to abolish interstate shipment of liquor and to forever dissolve the connection of the United States Government with its manufacture and sale. Every good citizen should take this matter up with his congressmen and senators at Washington and see to it that their full duty is discharged. Respectfully submitted,

DAN W. HAMMOCK, Chairman.

Document No. 12.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

Your Committee on Obituaries begs leave to make the following report: We feel very grateful to our Heavenly Father that He has spared the lives of all our ministerial brethren throughout our Association during the past year.

J. W. MARTIN, Chairman.

Document No. 13.

Report on Denominational Literature.

We believe that the healthy state of the mind depends upon what we read. Denominational literature has not the place in our denominational life which belongs to it. It therefore behooves the preacher, as God's representative, to strive to make denominational literature a powerful norm in our church life.

Let us remember that the sequence of cheap literature is a cheap or weak mind. Trashy literature furnishes a similar product to the minds given to its study. For us to build up a strong denominational life and spirit, we must emphasize the place of the Christian Index, Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal. No other Baptist or so-called Baptist papers, pub-

lished within our state or beyond our bounds will serve the mission of these, our recognized religious journals. Too many of our Baptist people are not only reading inter-denominational literature, but are actually shaping their lives by impression received therefrom. The preacher can always number the supporters of the work fostered by our denomination by subscribers to and readers of the Christian Index, Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal.

We recommend that the subject of denominational literature henceforth have a place in the order of business for the first or second day, so that many messengers who do not stay for the third day's session may be impressed as to their duty to subscribe to and reading religious journals supported by our State Convention.

P. C. BARKLEY, for Committee.

Document No. 14.

Report on Woman's Work.

More than nineteen hundred years have passed since Mary Magdalene, standing in a garden just outside the walls of Jerusalem, heard from the lips of Jesus the story of His resurrection, and also the command, "Go tell my brethren." Swiftly she ran, exclaiming, "I have seen the Lord and He is risen indeed!" Joyfully she obeyed Him, the emancipator and loving friend who had burst asunder her bonds of degradation and had conferred upon her liberty of conscience.

In every age of the world's history, since Mary, have been found women who also longed to tell the blessed story of His death and resurrection; but for centuries they were so hedged about by prejudice that their religious activities were, to an extent, suppressed. But prophecy must be fulfilled. David cried, his eyes being touched by the finger of God. "The Lord giveth the word; the women that publish the tidings are a great host." To the women of the present day has been opened wide the door of opportunity, and the number of those who pass its portals, "to possess the land" is ever increasing.

The first record of woman's missionary work organized in America is October, 1800, when the "Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes" was organized by the Baptists and Congregationalists. In 1861, a Woman's Union Mission was organized in New York City. In 1881, the Baptist women of the North organized, in Boston, the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and in 1888 the Southern Baptist women organized the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. This organization, which has

grown and strengthened each year, recently celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday.

Two special features of the work are to be emphasized—its financial efficiency and spiritual power. The Woman's Baptist Missionary Union of Georgia is not only a piece of highly organized machinery, but it is vitalized and energized by a systematic study of the word of God, as it relates to the great missionary program, and mightily re-enforced by prevailing prayer. Our women have learned to depend not alone on its organization for the accomplishment of its work, but on spiritual resources, from which have come both information and inspiration for service. Their study circles and prayer circles have been potent factors in the great and sacrificial giving which has marked the progress of their work.

And herein lies the secret of financial efficiency. No enduring system of Christian giving can be built up or maintained that is not predicated on a knowledge of God's word, and a thoroughgoing sympathy with the divine plan for the redemption of a lost world.

The showing that the W. B. M. U. has made is remarkable, when it is considered that, at present, they are organized only in about one-half of our churches. If such results can be accomplished with one-half of our churches co-operating, what could be done if all our churches were organized and at work?

And this suggests one of the problems of woman's work—how to get into all our churches? It is to be regretted that some are not in active sympathy with the W. B. M. U., that some are indifferent, and that some are openly hostile. We believe this seriously handicaps Woman's Work, and we urge the pastors of ALL our churches everywhere to earnestly, heartily and sympathetically co-operate with the W. B. M. U., believing that in so doing the churches will receive a great uplift in spiritual blessing and in actual results accomplished.

All praise to the consecrated, sacrificing women of our Association! Let us, as pastors and laymen, give them help by removing difficulties when we can, and in other ways encouraging their noble work. They are doing a great work we cannot do; a work that would not be done without them.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. JONES, Chairman.

Document No. 15.

Report of Board of Trustees of Bethel College.

At the last session of the Association, the Board of Trustees reported that they had transferred to the Executive Committee \$225.00 to be loaned to worthy students. The Executive Com-

mittee loaned \$40.00 of that amount to Rev. Carl DeVane. Not having any other calls on that fund the Executive Committee has returned to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, the balance of the \$185.00, together with the two notes of Bro. DeVane aggregating \$40.00 and due January 1st, 1914. We would be glad to have the fund used in accordance with the recommendation made to your body at the session of 1911.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman.

L. A. DUGGAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

Document No. 16.

Report of the Executive Committee of the Bethel Association for the Year 1913.

We, the Executive Committee of the Bethel Association, beg leave to make the following report, to-wit:

We have held two Fifth Sunday Meetings, one with the church at Blakely on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in March. The other was with the Arlington Baptist church on the Fifth Sunday and Saturday before in June. Both these meetings were a success and we recommend that they be continued during our next associational year. We have an invitation to meet with the Pine View Church on the Fifth Sunday and Saturday before in November.

We have held four meetings of the Executive Committee, one in Arlington, one in Blakely and two in Cuthbert these meetings being well attended, work outlined and various subjects and matters pertaining to our Associational work discussed.

1. We recommend that in co-operation with the State Board we employ an Associational Evangelist for the ensuing year.

2. That the churches of the Association be divided into Four Districts or groups, and that a Union meeting be held on the Fifth Sunday and Saturday before in each of these districts with some church in that district.

3. That as far as possible the churches of our Association be grouped and pastors located.

4. We further recommend that you elect from nine to fifteen on the executive committee, as soon as it can be legally done, and the men placed on said committee to be brethren who are interested and willing to work. We consider this committee to be the most important one of the Association and we are anxious that there be enough members on the committee who are sufficiently interested in the work to give it the attention it needs.

We herewith attach the proportional sheet showing the

amounts requested from each church during the next year and recommend that it be adopted by the association.

We herewith attach the report rendered to us by Bro. C. Thos. Greer showing his work in the association.

O. L. JONES, Chairman.

Report of Associational Evangelist.

To the Executive Committee and Messengers composing the present session of the Bethel Association:

Dear Brethren: An effort has been made, in a small way, to ascertain the needs of the Association. This has been done under the direction of the Executive Committee and endorsed by Dr. J. J. Bennett, Secretary of the State Board of Missions.

These are the conditions which deserve special notice:

FIRST. Our country churches are largely handicapped by the gradual influx to the towns, and this affects more or less each country church of the entire Association. This has brought discouragement and therefore a wane of interest in the work. These churches, one by one, need the coming of a stronger man to help at times.

SECOND. This condition makes it difficult for them to secure desirable help often in their summer meetings, and this often increases the heavy burden, and therefore the material of the community is not gathered together.

THIRD. These good people have not been properly informed of the objects fostered by the Convention, and therefore are not alive to these needs. Their interest can only be enlisted as they are informed and developed. These needs would be met in an efficient field man. We are losing fast each year under these present conditions.

Resume of work done—Revival meetings 11; Sermons preached 12; Pastoral visits 7; Miles Covered 250; Sunday Schools Organized 1; Raised for Missions, etc., \$33.60. Total service rendered, two weeks. Respectfully submitted,

C. THOS. GREER, Evangelist.

Exhibit of Appeal to the Churches for the Year 1913-1914.

	Total	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Minister- ial Relief	Ministerial Education	Schools and Colleges	Orphanage
Antioch	\$ 42.00	\$ 9.90	\$ 7.56	\$12.04	\$ 1.68	\$ 2.52	\$3.36	\$ 5.04
Arlington	140.00	32.67	25.20	40.13	5.60	8.40	11.20	16.80
Bethany	97.00	22.63	17.46	27.81	3.88	5.82	7.76	11.64
Bethel	39.00	9.10	7.02	11.18	1.56	2.34	3.12	4.68
Beulah	33.00	7.70	5.94	9.46	1.32	1.93	2.64	3.96
Blakely	236.00	55.07	42.48	67.65	9.44	14.16	18.88	28.32
Bluffton	81.00	18.90	14.58	23.22	3.24	4.86	6.48	9.72
Carnegie	116.00	27.07	20.83	33.25	4.64	6.96	9.28	13.92
Coleman	98.00	22.87	17.64	28.10	3.92	5.88	7.84	11.76
Colomokee	107.00	24.97	19.26	19.98	4.28	6.42	8.53	12.84
Cuthbert	262.00	61.03	47.16	75.11	10.48	15.72	20.96	31.44
Damascus-Early . .	34.00	7.93	6.12	9.75	1.36	2.04	2.72	4.08
Damascus-Ran. . .	206.00	48.07	37.08	59.05	8.24	12.36	16.48	24.72
Dover	80.00	18.66	14.40	22.94	3.20	4.80	6.40	9.60
Edison	183.00	42.76	32.94	52.46	7.32	11.98	14.64	23.96
Elmodel	13.00	3.03	2.34	3.73	.52	.78	1.04	1.56
Elam	120.00	28.00	21.60	34.40	4.80	7.20	9.60	14.40
Enon	69.00	16.10	12.42	17.78	2.76	4.14	5.52	8.28
Enterprise	79.00	18.43	14.32	22.75	3.16	4.74	7.32	9.48
Fort Gaines	214.00	49.93	38.32	61.35	8.56	12.84	17.12	25.68
Friendship	97.00	22.63	17.46	27.81	3.88	5.82	7.76	11.64
Georgetown	72.00	16.80	12.96	20.64	2.88	4.32	5.76	8.64
Herod	69.00	16.10	12.42	17.78	2.76	4.14	5.52	8.28
Hilton	27.00	6.30	4.86	7.74	1.08	1.62	2.16	3.24
Hillside	50.00	12.00	9.00	14.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	6.00
Leary	40.00	9.33	7.20	11.47	1.60	2.40	3.20	4.80
Midway	23.00	5.37	4.14	6.59	.92	1.38	1.84	2.76
Milford	37.00	8.63	6.66	10.61	1.48	2.22	2.96	4.44
Morgan	137.00	31.97	24.66	39.27	5.48	8.22	10.96	16.44
Morris Station . .	42.00	9.90	7.56	12.04	1.68	2.52	3.36	5.04
Mt. Gilead	44.00	10.27	7.92	12.41	1.76	2.64	3.52	5.28
Mt. Hebron	123.00	28.70	22.14	35.27	4.92	7.38	9.84	14.76
Mt. Vernon	54.00	12.60	9.72	15.48	2.16	3.24	4.32	6.48
Mt. Zion	39.00	9.10	7.02	11.18	1.32	1.93	2.64	3.96
New Bethel	129.00	30.10	23.22	36.98	5.16	7.64	10.32	15.28
New Hope	185.00	43.17	33.30	53.03	7.40	11.10	14.80	22.20
Pine View	54.00	12.60	9.72	15.48	2.16	3.24	4.32	6.48
Providence	68.00	15.87	12.24	19.49	2.72	4.08	5.44	8.16
Rehoboth	138.00	32.20	24.84	39.56	5.52	8.28	11.04	16.56
Salem	210.00	49.00	37.80	60.20	8.40	12.60	16.80	25.20
Sasser	90.00	21.00	16.20	25.88	3.60	5.40	7.20	10.80
Shellman	157.00	37.63	29.26	46.01	6.28	9.42	12.56	18.84
Shiloh	42.00	9.90	7.56	12.04	1.68	2.52	3.36	5.28
Sowhatchee	22.00	5.13	3.96	6.30	.88	1.33	1.76	2.64
Springvale	37.00	8.63	6.66	10.61	1.48	2.22	2.96	4.44
Vilulah	166.00	38.73	29.88	47.54	6.64	9.96	13.28	19.92

Document No. 17.

Report on Digest of Letters.

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, submit the following report:

Out of forty-five churches in our Association, forty churches report one hundred and seventy-one baptisms and twenty-five Sunday Schools. Of those reporting, fifteen report no Sunday Schools.

We find that there are five churches in our Association which are not represented by letters.

We find the total membership of the forty churches reporting to have been, last year 4121; this year 4150, a net increase for the forty churches reporting of 29.

We find written invitations for the next session of our Association from the following churches: Carnegie and New Hope, Early county.

B. E. JOINER,
R. G. SMITH,
H. E. HAMMACK,
Committee.

Document No. 18.

Report of Finance Committee.

We, the Finance Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

For State Missions	\$133.85
For Home Missions	30.00
For Foreign Missions	47.00
For Orphan's Home	47.30
For Ministerial Education	11.00
For Ministerial Relief	19.03
For Schools and Colleges	1.00
For Minutes and Clerk	81.75

\$370.93

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. CULBRETH,
O. H. SANDERS,
V. L. McTYER.

Document No. 19.

Report on Norman Institute.

Norman Institute has seven modern, well equipped buildings and seventeen choice acres of land, worth something like one hundred thousand dollars. Besides it has been endowed with seven store buildings and one hotel in Moultrie equal to about sixty-eight thousand dollars, which is nearly enough to

permanently endow the Institution, making it an absolute success from this standpoint.

This Institution has been legally deeded to the Southern Baptist Convention, the Mell, Mallory, Mercer, Tucker, Georgia Baptist and Bethel Associations, or their duly appointed Trustees. The Bethel Association has equal voice with all the others in the management and administration of affairs, just as though we had purchased and paid for our interest.

Now, this Institution is ours, and we should be duly proud of it, and should support it in every way, especially by patronage and purse. As it is, Norman Institute needs very little financial assistance from our Association, only \$125.00 to help pay taxes and insurance on the stores and hotel buildings in Moultrie.

We therefore recommend that our Association pledge \$125.00 annually for the purpose above stated, to be raised by the pastors of each church as the pastor and church sees best. We further recommend that the Executive Committee include this amount in their apportionment.

We suggest that the pastors of the various churches on at least one Sunday during the year devote their sermon and service to Christian education and promote the interests of Norman Institute as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN UNDERWOOD,

T. F. MOODY,

Trustees of Norman Institute.

Schedule for Churches in the Bethel Association.

(Adopted from "Schedule for Baptists.")

January—Ministerial Education.

February—Home and Foreign Missions

March—Home and Foreign Missions. (Self Denial.)

April—Schools and Colleges. (Training School.)

May—Missions, Margaret Home and S. S. Board.

June—Missions.

July—Ministerial Relief.

August—Missions, Evangelist.

September—State Missions.

October—Orphans' Home.

November—Missions, Frontier Missionary.

December—Missions, Christmas Offering.

Directions for Sending Money.

Collections for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, Schools and Colleges, Orphans' Home should be sent to J. J. Bennett, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Atlanta, Ga.

Send collections for printing minutes and paying clerk to Treasurer of your Association.

NOTE—In sending money to J. J. Bennett, Secty. & Treasurer, great care should be exercised. If the money is from the church, Sunday School, W. M. S., Y. W. A., Sunbeams or Royal Ambassadors, let it appear so, distinctly. Also let the object or purpose for which the money is contributed be clearly stated. And all of this is next to useless unless the name of the Association is given in the letter in which the money is remitted. Not to give the name of the Association from which the money is sent utterly destroys the plans of the book-keepers in the Board's office where the effort is being made to keep accounts with the Associations.

No funds should ever be sent to the Association which are afterwards to be sent to the Boards.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

Article 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in divine perfection.

Article 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

Article 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on the principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

Article 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Article 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

Article 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by convention in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that it is only proper to have bishops or pastors and deacons.

Article 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

Article 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

Article 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for

his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association may order through her Executive Committee. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed unless suspended for a special object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions when seconded must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or use unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Morning.

10 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.

11 A. M.—Introductory Sermon.

Tuesday Afternoon.

1. Former Moderator calls Association to order.
2. Devotional exercises.
3. Call roll of messengers.
4. Elect moderator and clerk.
5. Adopt order of business.
6. Hear applications for membership.
7. Fix hours of meeting and adjournment.
8. Call for correspondents and visitors.
9. Appoint the following committees: On Preaching, on Finance, on Digest of Letters, on Nominations, Auditing Committee.
10. Report on State Missions.
11. Report on Ministerial Relief.
12. Miscellaneous business.

Wednesday Morning.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Call for correspondents and visitors.
3. Report of Treasurer.
4. Elect Treasurer.
5. Report on Laymen's Movement.
6. Report on Orphans' Home.
7. Report of Trustees of Bethel College.
8. Report on Education.
9. Adjourn for preaching.

Wednesday Afternoon.

1. Report of Auditing Committee.
2. Report on Foreign Missions.
3. Report on Home Missions.
4. Report of Committee on Nominations.
5. Report on Temperance.
6. Report on Obituaries.
7. Adjournment.

Thursday Morning.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Report on Denominational Literature.
3. Report on Woman's Work.
4. Report on Sunday Schools.
5. Report of Executive Committee.
6. Report on Digest of Letters and State of Churches.
7. Fix time and place for holding next session.

8. Appoint the following standing committees: On Home Missions, State Missions and Foreign Missions, on Sunday Schools, on Temperance, on Orphan's Home, on Education, on Denominational Literature, on Ministerial Relief, on Woman's Work, on Obituaries, on Laymen's Movement.

9. Report of Committee on Finance.
10. Arrange for printing minutes and paying clerk.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjournment.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. C. Ammons	Coleman, Ga.
J. G. Corley	Route 1, Blakely, Ga.
R. L. Brandenburg	Fort Gaines, Ga.
E. S. Cheshire	Route 3, Blakely, Ga.
W. L. Culbertson	Shellman, Ga.
E. T. Dawson	Columbia, Ala.
J. E. Dykes	Kestler, Ga.
C. Thomas Greer	Shellman, Ga.
W. D. Hammock	Coleman, Ga.
O. L. Jones,	Blakely, Ga.
John Martin	Shellman, Ga.
John W. Martin	Cuthbert, Ga.
B. S. Railey	Cuthbert, Ga.
J. W. Sauls	Shellman, Ga.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches	Superintendent and Postoffice.		Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Number of Baptisms
Antioch					
Arlington	G. W. Harrison	Arlington	11	80	
Bethany	O. A. Jordan	Milford	5	50	
Bethel					
Beulah					
Blakely	B. R. Collins	Blakely	13	192	5
Bluffton	J. E. Mansfield	Bluffton	7	40	1
Carnegie	Wike Ivey	Carnegie			
Coleman	W. D. Hammock, Jr.	Coleman	6	65	15
Colomokee	J. G. Craft	Blakely	6	59	
Cuthbert	T. F. Moody	Cuthbert	12	208	
Damascus Early	B. M. George	Kestler	6	35	
Damascus Ran.	H. A. Freeman	Cuthbert	5	31	1
Dover					
Edison	Henry Turner	Edison	12	130	
Elmodel					
Elam					
Enon					
Enterprise	R. G. Smith	Bluffton	5	54	
Fort Gaines	W. L. Paullin	Fort Gaines	13	120	
Friendship	E. L. Williams	Shellman	4	35	1
Georgetown	H. M. Kaigler	Georgetown	4		1
Herod	J. H. McLendon	Dawson			
Hilton	D. W. Harrell	Blakely			
Hillside					
Leary	L. S. Jones	Leary	7	50	3
Midway	W. E. Gay	Hatcher Station			
Milford					
Morgan	Z. T. Rabun	Morgan	8	55	
Morris	J. W. Cumbie	Morris Station	7	35	2
Mt. Gilead					
Mt. Hebron					
Mt. Vernon					
Mt. Zion					
New Bethel	S. H. Page	Shellman			
New Hope	J. A. George	Blakely	8	75	
Pine View	J. Q. Scarborough	Blakely	5	60	1
Providence					
Rehoboth	J. E. Henier	Shellman	6	36	
Salem					
Sasser	W. F. English	Sasser	11	110	
Shellman	J. R. Powell	Shellman	10	105	
Shiloh	R. E. Smith	Fort Gaines	5	29	
Sowhatchee	J. L. Ricks	Hilton	5	57	
Springvale	T. M. Davis	Springvale			
Vilulah	G. W. Coram	Edison	5	40	

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES

PASTORS AND P. O.

CLERKS AND P. O.

Antioch	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood	W. T. Moore, Hatcher's Sta.
Arlington	A. N. Morris, Hamilton, Ga.	W. C. Wiggins, Arlington
Bethany	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	W. F. Lawrence, Milford
Bethel	J. E. Dykes, Kestler	J. F. Robinson, Blakely
Beulah	E. T. Dawson, Columbia, Ala.	J. E. Hudspeth, Cedar Sp'gs.
Blakely	O. L. Jones, Blakely	W. W. Fleming, Blakely
Bluffton	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	J. S. Haisten, Bluffton
Carnegie	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	Nelson Fellows, Carnegie
Coleman	P. C. Barkley, Plains	C. A. Brown, Coleman, Ga.
Colomokee	E. T. Dawson, Columbia, Ala.	J. C. Balkcom, Blakely
Cuthbert	B. S. Ralley, Cuthbert	J. B. Smith, Cuthbert
Damascus—Early	N. G. Christopher, Cyrene	G. I. George, Kestler
Damascus—Randolph	W. H. Norton, Fort Valley	J. T. Peak, Cuthbert
Dover	C. Thos. Greer, Shellman	Claude McNeil, Dawson, Rt. 5
Edison	H. L. Crumbley, Richland	H. E. Hammock, Edison
Elmodel	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	J. T. Sauls, Shellman
Elam	J. C. Daniel, Preston	J. P. Fure, Georgetown
Enon	N. G. Christopher, Cyrene	A. H. Richardson, Bluffton
Enterprise	R. L. Brandenburg, Ft. G'ns.	J. M. Culpepper, Ft. Gaines
Fort Gaines	J. G. Corley, Blakely	W. H. Ferguson, Cuthbert
Friendship	J. A. Ivey, Dawson	H. M. Kaigler, Georgetown
Georgetown	J. F. Eden, Lumpkin	C. M. Harris, Herod, Ga.
Herod	E. T. Dawson, Columbia, Ala.	C. A. Belisle, Blakely
Hilton	P. C. Barkley, Plains	W. P. Lewis, Arlington
Hillside	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	B. I. Keel, Leary, Ga.
Leary	J. E. Dykes, Kestler	M. A. Lokey, Hatcher
Midway	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	J. W. Johnson, Leary
Milford	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	C. B. Weaver, Morgan
Morgan	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	J. W. Cumble, Morris Sta.
Morris Station	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	C. C. Lindsey, Ft. Gaines, Rt. 2
Mt. Gilead	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	J. W. Fellows, Carnegie
Mt. Hebron	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	E. T. Pearce, Ft. Gaines
Mt. Vernon	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	R. W. Manry, Rt. 3, Cuthbert
Mt. Zion	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	W. A. Lindsey, Rt. 3, Blakely
New Bethel	E. T. Dawson, Columbia, Ala.	J. W. Scarbrough, Blakely
New Hope	E. T. Dawson, Columbia, Ala.	J. T. Bruner, Jr., Blakely
Pine View	J. G. Corley, Blakely	H. J. Edwards, Shellman
Providence	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman	S. W. Manry, Edison
Rehoboth	J. A. Ivey, Dawson	R. J. Grier, Sasser
Salem	C. Thos. Greer, Shellman	O. Z. Dean, Jr., Shellman
Sasser	J. O. Nowell, Cotton, Ga.	A. W. Dawson, Morris Sta.
Shellman	N. G. Christopher, Cyrene	J. L. Ricks, Hilton
Shiloh	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	T. M. Davis, Springvale
Sowhatchee		B. E. Joiner, Coleman
Springvale		
Vilulah		

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Objects	Total	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Schools and Colleges	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total	Grand Total
30.00	\$ 126.50	\$ 56.45	\$ 28.10	\$ 20.50	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.20	\$ 13.40	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.10	\$ 128.60
.....	2602.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124.95	2726.95
.....	127.00	6.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.45	2.50	.....	12.95	139.95
.....	101.00	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.60	107.60
.....	426.50	138.39	85.04	87.44	177.75	8.25	3.00	33.73	28.75	4.50	431.00
45.84	4034.06	12.61	.....	17.65	5.00	.....	.....	5.40	.....	562.35	4596.41
.....	301.00	45.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.66	341.66
.....	303.00	86.07	73.53	65.83	7.00	16.51	6.73	39.91	16.00	55.00	358.00
16.73	418.73	14.00	14.00	14.00	.....	.....	.....	54.38	16.54	311.58	730.31
.....	151.50	157.61	150.00	209.83	162.63	20.13	12.63	62.50	66.75	112.92	264.42
60.28	2574.15	26.00	26.10	16.10	2.50	.....	.....	6.00	.....	842.08	3416.23
.....	76.50	10.00	10.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	6.00	25.00	70.75	147.25
10.80	163.30	12.00	5.75	7.40	.....	5.00	.....	3.25	.....	56.00	219.30
5.00	208.50	115.41	71.94	105.40	17.74	14.68	10.42	73.26	31.05	33.40	241.90
75.00	1079.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	446.16	1525.16
.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	151.50	5.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.32	226.32
.....	202.10	9.20	7.15	11.30	3.66	2.37	1.58	4.00	.....	9.30	160.80
32.37	1506.37	121.86	106.78	125.75	21.72	17.44	13.16	4.74	.....	40.00	242.10
.....	176.50	4.87	8.00	8.00	.....	3.50	.....	49.48	.....	456.19	1966.56
33.35	305.35	7.70	10.29	97.65	4.25	.....	.....	10.00	.....	34.37	210.87
.....	.....	7.50	7.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	.....	125.89	431.24
.....	102.00	4.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	5.00	19.15	.....	39.15	40.95
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	8.00	108.00
.....	152.50	17.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	121.00	29.60	3.00	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	10.00	.....	27.50	180.00
.....	121.50	3.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00	.....	44.00	165.00
.....	251.50	9.60	9.71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.20	124.70
.....	.....	10.00	8.00	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	80.00	99.31	350.81
.....	126.50	15.02	.....	5.00	.....	.....	1.93	3.50	.....	35.43	36.93
3.30	140.30	6.25	3.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	25.02	151.52
.....	250.75	3.00	3.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	6.30	6.25	.....	25.05	165.35
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.70	.....	12.70	263.45
.....	151.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
0.24	188.24	8.00	8.00	14.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	201.50
.....	201.50	8.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	.....	40.00	228.24
.....	151.00	7.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.50	210.00
.....	.....	.....	10.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.25	158.25
0.00	313.00	55.00	49.50	50.20	.....	16.00	10.00	6.00	.....	41.00	43.00
7.60	377.40	50.00	11.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.35	13.90	223.91	536.91
83	978.32	140.50	79.70	117.88	157.45	45.75	24.30	123.00	.....	61.00	438.40
.....	220.75	16.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46.30	734.88	1731.21
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.00	236.75
.....	151.50	10.00	10.00	7.62	2.02	1.80	3.20	5.57	.....	.....	.....
15	169.65	66.78	2.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.50	.....	40.29	191.79
49	19403.45	1328.07	814.50	1011.55	504.92	154.63	109.90	604.57	334.29	73.44	24418.48

MINUTES OF THE W. B. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Association met in Shellman, Ga., October 16th, 1913.

The meeting was opened with the song, "Rescue the Perishing." Prayer by Mrs. A. G. Hash. Devotional led by Mrs. B. S. Railey. Prayer by Mrs. L. E. Gay.

At this time our Superintendent introduced Mrs. Railey. Song, "Revive us again." Welcome address by Mrs. W. H. Wells, of Shellman. Response by Miss McLendon, of Fort Gaines.

At this point the Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Lillie Farnum Metcalf. Mrs. A. G. Hash, superintendent pro tem, consented to preside over the meeting.

Report and annual address by our Superintendent, Mrs. L. A. Duggan. Report of Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Joiner, read and received. Report of District Secretaries.

Address, "Our Missionary Publication," by Mrs. E. L. Browner, of Summerhill Association.

Appointed committees as follows:

On Nominations—Mrs. L. A. Duggan chairman, Mrs. W. H. Wells, Mrs. A. K. Hawk, Mrs. R. L. Jenkins, Mrs. Nettie Coachman, Mrs. Joiner, Mrs. R. L. Arthur, Mrs. D. W. Hammack, Miss Cora Massey.

On Plan of Work—Mrs. L. E. Gay, chairman Mrs. Nettie Coachman, Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth, Mrs. L. A. Duggan.

On Enrollment—Mrs. W. H. Wells, chairman, Mrs. Riley Curry, Mrs. J. M. Curry, Mrs. J. L. Jay.

On Obituaries—Mrs. W. D. Hammack, chairman, Mrs. R. L. Jenkins, Mrs. Columbus Taylor.

On Resolutions—Mrs. Joiner, chairman, Mrs. B. S. Railey. Mrs. Russell Hammack.

A paper was read, "Why give the gospel to the world?" by Mrs. L. E. Gay. Report of Enrollment Committee. Song and prayer of dismissal by Bro. Greer. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Meeting opened with song, "How firm a foundation." Devotional led by Rev. W. D. Hammack. Solo by Miss Ethridge, of Shellman.

Reports from Societies received. Address, "Bible plan of giving," by Mrs. W. R. Davis, of Mallary Association. Report on Mary P. Willingham school by Mrs. A. G. Hash. Song, "Bringing in the sheaves." Are we satisfied with present attainment? ("The Continued Task.") Shall we carry out God's plan (The Ideal Structure)? by Mrs. Laura Reeves, of Arlington, and Mrs. J. A. Ivey, of the Friendship Association.

At this time a collection was taken for printing of minutes and programs.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed. Solo by Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth after which the congregation joined in singing "Work for the night is coming." Prayer of dismissal by Bro. Railey.

Thursday Evening 7:30.

Special music by Shellman choir. Jubilate Sermon by Dr. W. A. Talliaferro, of the Foreign Mission Board.

Friday Morning Session.

Meeting opened with song, "He is so precious to me." Prayer and devotional by Mrs. J. L. Jay. Song, "Jesus is all the world to me." Minutes of afternoon session read and confirmed. Reading of the standing of Societies on standard of excellence as follows:

Honor Roll—Edison W. M. S.

Class A—W. M. S., Shellman; W. M. S., Fort Gaines; Sunbeams, Fort Gaines; Junior Y. W. A., Fort Gaines; Sunbeams, Edison.

Class B—W. M. S., Morgan; W. M. S., Blakely; W. M. S., Cuthbert.

Class C—W. M. S., Coleman; Y. W. A., Edison.

Class D—W. M. S., Georgetown; W. M. S., Carnegie.

Announcements:

Theme—"Meaning of the Jubilate," by Mrs. A. G. Hash.

Addresses:

"History of the W. M. U., Auxiliary to S. B. C.," by Mrs. J. D. Gunn.

"Our Spiritual Need," by Mrs. T. F. Moody.

"Jubilate Praise Offering," by Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth.

Song, "My Jesus, I Love Thee," after which we had a sermon from Rev. 6:13. Theme "Falling in Line; Growth," by Rev. B. S. Railey. Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Meeting opened with song "My faith looks up to Thee." Devotional led by Mrs. J. M. Curry. Solo by Miss Etheridge. Minutes of the morning session read and confirmed. Reports of committees—On Plan of Work, A; On Obituaries, B; On Resolution, C; On Nominations, D. All read and adopted.

Moved and carried that our next meeting be held at Morgan, and that it commence at 2 p. m. Wednesday, October 14th, 1914, and continue through Friday, the 6th.

Moved and carried that Ten Dollars for printing our minutes and One Dollar and Seventy-five Cents for programs be appropriated. "Have I a Sunbeam Band in My Church? If Not, Why Not?" by Mrs. W. D. Hammack.

Song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

"How to Enlist Our Y. W. A.'s in Personal Service," by Miss Cora Massey.

Heart to heart talks by several of the sisters were much enjoyed by all present. Song. "Blest be the tie that binds." Prayer of dismissal by Mrs. Watts, and thus with our warmest thanks to the people of Shellman was closed one of the most enthusiastic and beneficial meetings ever held by the Union.

MRS. A. G. HASH, Supt. Pro Tem.
MRS. B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

Report of the Superintendent of W. B. M. U.

Women's Missionary Societies included in this report	19
Y. W. A. Societies included in this report	5
R. A. Societies included in this report	3
Sunbeam Bands included in this Society	11
Societies organized or re-organized, Salem, Carnegie, Sasser, Hillside, Shiloh and Enon	6
Y. W. A.'s organized or re-organized, Carnegie	1
R. A.'s organized or re-organized, Edison	1
Sunbeams organized or re-organized, Carnegie, Springvale	2
Letters and cards written	194
Letters and cards received	86

Treasurer's Report.

Balance on hand October 24th, 1912	\$10.68
Received from Cuthbert Society	2.50
Received from Bluffton Society	3.95
Received from Coleman Society	.70
Total	\$17.83
October 29th, 1912. Check for printing minutes	\$5.00
October 29th, 1912. Check for printing programs	2.00
December 6th, 1912. Check to Mrs. Mason	2.00
Balance on hand October 16th, 1913	8.33

\$17.83 \$17.83

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. H. JOINER.

Officers of the W. B. M. U. of Bethel Association.

Superintendent—Mrs. A. G. Hash, Fort Gaines, Ga.

Corresponding and Recording Secretary—Mrs. B. W. Ellis, Cuthbert, Ga.

Treasurer—Mrs. Homer Joiner, Coleman.

District Secretaries:

I. Mrs. J. L. Jay, Shellman; Shellman, Rehoboth, Dover, Herod, Sasser, Friendship.

II. Mrs. J. T. Rabun, Morgan; Morgan, Leary, Milford. Bethany, Elam, Elmodel.

III. Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth, Edison, Ga.; Arlington, Damascus (Early), Enterprise, Edison, Pretoria, Salem, Bluffton, Hillside.

IV. Mrs. Ed Chancy, Blakely; Blakely Colomokee, Hilton, New Hope, Pine View, Providence, Sowhathee. Beulah.

V. Mrs. W. D. Hammack, Coleman; Antioch, Bethel, Coleman, Mt. Vernon, Fort Gaines, Midway, Mt. Zion.

VI. Mrs. L. P. Taylor. Cuthbert, Ga.; Cuthbert, Carnegie, Damascus (Randolph), Mt. Hebron, New Bethel, Vilulah.

VII. Miss Cora Massey, Springvale, Ga.; Enon, Georgetown, Mt. Gilead, Shiloh, Morris, Springvale.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. A. G. Hash Chairman, Mrs. B. W. Ellis, Secretary, Mrs. Homer Joiner, Mrs. J. L. Jay, Mrs. Z. T. Rabun, Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth, Mrs. Ed Chancy, Mrs. W. D. Hammack, Mrs. L. P. Taylor, Miss Cora Massey, Mrs. John Gunn, Mrs. L. A. Duggan.

A. Report of Committee on Plan of Work.

After prayerful consideration of the past year's work, we, the committee on Plan of Work, beg to suggest this aim for the year 1913-1914:

I. That each Society give according to the schedule adopted by Georgia Baptists, as near as possible, and the treasury of each society be emptied at least once each quarter, according to the apportionment card sent out by the Superintendent.

2. That we adopt as our motto, "Every church and every woman in each church in Bethel Association enlisted in woman's work."

3. We beg that each W. M. S. in Bethel Association feel the responsibility of enlisting our young people in mission work.

IV. That we strive to place the Mission Messenger or some other of our publications in every home represented in each W. M. S. in this Association.

V. That each W. M. S. shall foster a Home Department and to be actively engaged in personal service.

Mrs. Louis Gay, Mrs. L. A. Duggan, Mrs. Nettie Coachman Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth, Committee.

B. Report on Obituaries.

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report: There has not come to our knowledge the death of but two members of our Union C. A. Roberts and Mrs. George Oliver. Therefore, we suggest that the pro-

ceedings of our meeting be stopped long enough to be led in prayer to God for his special blessings to us, and that the prayer be offered by our President, Mrs. Hash. Respectfully,

MRS. W. D. HAMMACK,

MRS. R. L. JENKINS,

MRS. L. P. TAYLOR.

C. **Report of Committee on Resolutions.**

Through the gracious providence of God, we close another year's work. We thank Him for His work and all present accomplishments through and with us. But our future aims must be higher and we pray for inspiration equal to the unfinished task before us. We, therefore, as a committee, submit the following resolutions:

1st, We lift our hearts in praise and gratitude for the spirit of love which has prevailed in every session and for the faithful leadership of our most competent officers.

2nd, We thank the people of Shellman for their gracious hospitality. With words of love and acts of kindness we have been received into their homes, not as strangers, but as members of the family. We pray God's blessings upon them.

3rd, We extend our gratitude to the churches and co-workers at large in Shellman.

4th, We especially commend to you and to the Lord the faithful services of Sister Duggan, our Superintendent, and also Sister Hash, who, with grace and tact, has so beautifully led us in the work of this meeting. May God's richest blessings abide on each of these is our prayer.

5th, We further ask each of you to be more fervent in spirit and more loyal to the standard of excellence laid down for us during the coming year. May we strive to make this the greatest year in the history of our work and thus cast in our "mite" to hasten the coming of the kingdom of our Lord.

MRS. B. S. RAILEY,

MRS. HOMER JOINER,

MRS. D. W. HAMMOCK,

Committee.

D. **Report of Committee on Nominations.**

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following names for Officers of the W. B. M. U. of Bethel Association:

Superintendent—Mrs. A. G. Hash.

Secretary—Mrs. B. W. Ellis.

Treasurer—Mrs. Homer Joiner.

1st District Secretary—Mrs. J. L. Jay.

2nd District Secretary—Mrs. Z. T. Rabun.

3rd District Secretary—Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth.

4th District Secretary—Mrs. Ed Chancy.

5th District Secretary—Mrs. W. D. Hammack.

6th District Secretary—Mrs. L. P. Taylor.

7th District Secretary—Miss Cora Massey.

We also recommend that the Superintendent have the power to choose two ladies from the body at this assembly to act in conjunction with the aforementioned officers and thereby constitute the Executive Committee. We also recommend that the next session meet with the Morgan church Wednesday and Thursday and Friday after the 2nd Sunday in October.

MRS. L. A. DUGGAN, Chm.,

MRS. D. W. HAMMOCK,

MRS. R. L. JENKINS,

MRS. W. H. WELLS,

MRS. B. L. BROWN,

MRS. NETTIE COACHMAN,

MISS HELEN MASSEY.

Constitution and By-Laws of Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Baptist Association.

Preamble.

We, the Women of the Churches connected with the Bethel Association, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among women and children of the churches, and wishing to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards and the W. M. U., organize and adopt the following Constitution:

Article I. Name.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Baptist Association.

Article II. Object.

The two-fold object of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be: 1st. To distribute missionary information and stimulate effort throughout the whole Association. 2nd, To secure the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions.

Article III. Officers.

The officers shall be a President; two Vice Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

Article IV. Annual Meetings.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous Annual Meeting or by the Executive Committee.

Article V. Conduct of Meetings.

Every session of the W. M. U. shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. Superintendent—The Supt. shall preside at the Annual Meeting of the W. M. U. and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; and shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees. She may call special meetings of the Executive Committee when in her judgment needful, or at the request of three members of the Committee.

Art. 2. District Secretary—Dist. Secretaries shall seek to advance the interests of the Union in these communities, and preside at annual meetings in the absence of the Superintendent.

Art. 3. Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate records of the annual and special meetings of the Union; shall notify officers of their election and committees of their appointment and shall perform the other duties usual to her office.

Art. 4. Treasurer—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, as reported to her from different churches or committees, and shall present a detailed report of all these accounts to each annual meeting. She shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to her office.

Art 5. Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by a nomination from the body of one representative from each district and two from the association at large.

Art. 6. Elections—The officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee on the afternoon of the last day of the meeting.

Art. 7.—The Executive Committee shall hold quarterly meetings for the transaction of business and shall report through its officers at each annual session of the Union.

Art. 8.—The By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual meeting.

Statistical Information W. B. M. U. of B

Church and Society	President and Postoffice	Messenger Agent	Postoffice	New Members
Arlington, W. M. S. . .	Mrs. Johnnie Collins, Arlington . . .	Mrs. Maggie Avery . . .	Arlington . . .	8
Blakely, W. M. S.	Mrs. W. A. Barksdale, Blakely . . .	Mrs. W. W. Fleming . . .	Blakely . . .	3
Bluffton, W. M. S.	Mrs. W. B. Hattaway, Bluffton . . .	Mrs. W. B. Hattaway . . .	Bluffton . . .	3
Carnegie, W. M. S.	Mrs. J. B. Wall, Carnegie	Mrs. J. B. Wall	Carnegie . . .	14
Coleman, W. M. S.	Mrs. B. L. Brown, Coleman	Mrs. W. D. Hammock . . .	Coleman . . .	11
Cuthbert, W. M. S.	Mrs. L. A. Duggan, Cuthbert	Mrs. John Gunn	Cuthbert . . .	7
Edison, W. M. S.	Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth, Edison . . .	Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth . .	Edison . . .	3
Enon, W. M. S.	Mrs. J. C. Lanier, Hatcher's Sta. . . .	Mrs. J. C. Lanier	Hatcher's Sta. .	16
Ft. Gaines, W. M. S. . . .	Mrs. J. E. Paullin, Fort Gaines . . .	Mrs. A. G. Hash	Fort Gaines . .	8
Georgetown, W. M. S. . .	Mrs. J. A. Davis, Georgetown	Mrs. J. A. Davis	Georgetown . .	3
Morgan, W. M. S.	Mrs. A. K. Hawke, Morgan	Miss Sue Davis	Morgan	3
Milford, W. M. S.	Mrs. J. E. Griffin, Milford . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	..
Damascus, W. M. S. . . .	Mrs. E. G. Sandlin, Rt. 4, Cuthbert. .	Mrs. E. G. Sandlin . . .	Cuthbert . . .	..
Sasser, W. M. S.	Mrs. J. C. Gayner, Sasser . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	..
Springvale, W. M. S. . . .	Mrs. Tom Davis, Springvale	Mrs. Tom Davis	Springvale . . .	1
Shiloh, W. M. S.	Miss Annie Crozier, Morris Station . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	..
Shellman, W. M. S.	Mrs. W. H. Wells, Shellman	Mrs. W. H. Wells	Shellman . . .	8
Hillside, W. M. S.	Mrs. D. G. Jones, Arlington . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	..
Damascus, W. M. S. . . .	Mrs. Emma Ray, Kestler,	Mrs. P. H. Keaton . . .	Kestler	3
Blakely, Y. W. A.	Mrs. O. L. Jones, Blakely . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	..
Cuthbert, Y. W. A.	Mrs. B. S. Railey, Cuthbert . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	25
Edison, Y. W. A.	Mrs. V. L. McTyer, Edison . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	12
Carnegie, Y. W. A.	Mrs. O. H. Sanders, Carnegie . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	11
Ft. Gaines, Jr. Y. W. A. .	Mrs. A. G. Hash, Fort Gaines . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	3
Arlington, Sunbeam . . .	Miss Alice Ray, Arlington . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	..
Blakely, Sunbeam	Miss Alice Clinkscales, Blakely . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	..
Carnegie, Sunbeam	Miss Care Swann, Carnegie . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	25
Coleman, Sunbeam	Miss Jimmie Paullin, Coleman . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	..
Cuthbert, Sunbeam	Mrs. J. E. Ware, Cuthbert . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	..
Ft. Gaines, Sunbeam . . .	Mrs. A. G. Hash, Fort Gaines . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	10
Edison, Sunbeam	Miss Addie Tolsen, Edison . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	25
Georgetown, Sunbeam . . .	Mrs. D. M. Davidson, Georgetown . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	..
Springvale, Sunbeam . . .	Miss Cora Massey, Springvale . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	15
Morris, Sunbeam	Mrs. Jim Cumble, Morris Sta. . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	..
Edison, R. A.	Miss Sue Smith, Edison . . . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	16

MINUTES

—of the—

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

—of the—

Bethel Baptist Association

—Held With—

CARNEGIE BAPTIST CHURCH,

Carnegie, Randolph County, Ga., October 27 and 28, 1914.

OFFICERS:

A. L. Miller, Moderator	Edison, Ga.
W. W. Fleming, Clerk	Blakely, Ga.
Dan W. Hammock, Treasurer	Coleman, Ga.

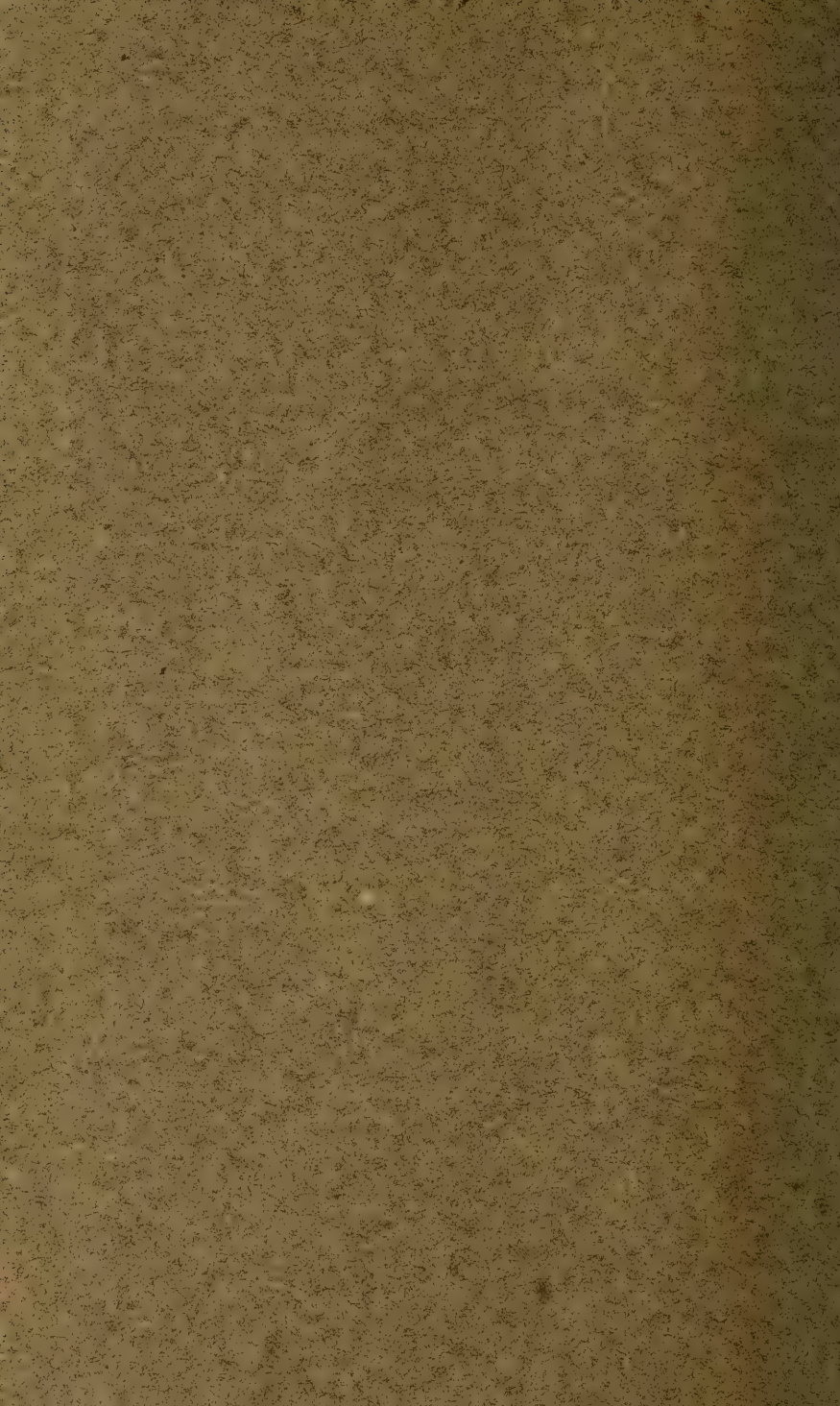
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

B. S. Railey	Cuthbert, Ga.
J. G. Black	Shellman, Ga.
T. M. Thomas	Arlington, Ga.
H. O. Fowler	Fort Gaines, Ga.
J. W. Martin	Cuthbert, Ga.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next session will convene with the church at Shellman, Randolph county, Ga., on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1915.
2. Doctrinal Sermon, J. W. Martin; alternate, E. T. Dawson.
3. Missionary Sermon, T. M. Thomas; alternate, H. O. Fowler.

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MINUTES

Carnegie, Randolph county, Ga. October 27, 1914.

The Eighty-Second Session of Bethel Association met this day with the church at Carnegie.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Norton.

The Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Rev. John G. Black. His subject was the "Person, Office and Work of the Holy Spirit." Text, St. John 14:16-17.

Afternoon Session.

Former Moderator called the Association to order.

Called the roll of messengers.

Roll of Messengers:

Antioch—W. S. Perkins.

Arlington—W. C. Wiggins, J. M. Johnson, Rev. T. M. Thomas.

Bethany—M. C. Lawrence, O. A. Jordan, J. W. Craft.

Bethel—J. F. Robinson, Frank Woolf.

Beulah—J. H. Harris.

Blakely—W. W. Fleming.

Bluffton—J. E. Mansfield, A. D. Ingram, W. J. Long.

Carnegie—Ross Swann, R. G. Hammock, W. H. Bell, J. B. Wall, R. Ferguson.

Coleman—Joe Ray, C. A. Brown, W. H. Joiner, Dan W. Hammock.

Colomokee—Rev. J. G. Corley, J. M. Balkcom, G. W. Watson, M. W. Balkcom.

Cuthbert—Rev. B. S. Railey, J. W. Stanford, Lester Martin, L. A. Duggan.

Damascus (Early)—D. H. Davis.

Damascus (Randolph)—John Peavy, C. D. Peak, Will Sandlin, Bud Bass.

Dover—Not represented.

Edison—A. L. Miller, C. G. Joiner, V. L. McTyer, R. L. Jenkins.

Elmodel—Not represented.

Elam—J. T. Stewart, Rev. J. W. Sauls, Willie Beard.

Enon—Not represented.

Enterprise—R. G. Smith, A. H. Richardson, T. A. Meadows.

Fort Gaines—B. F. Grimsley, Jim Sutlive, Rev. H. O. Fowler, H. D. McLendon.

Friendship—J. W. Bone, W. H. Ferguson.

Georgetown—W. C. Franklin.

Herod—D. J. Dennis, H. F. Melton, H. P. Hass.

Hillside—Frank Tennille.

Hilton—C. A. Belisle.

Leary—L. S. Jones, H. M. Langston, N. B. Johnson.

Midway—Not represented.

Milford—Represented by letter.

- Morgan**—C. B. Weaver, C. J. Taylor.
Morris—J. L. Cumbie, R. A. J. Boyett.
Mt. Gilead—J. B. Goodman, C. L. Jester.
Mt. Hebron—Rev. J. W. Martin, T. A. Fellows, D. H. Bass,
 J. W. Fellows, J. B. Watson.
Mt. Vernon—B. F. Pearce.
Mt. Zion—Not represented.
New Bethel—J. H. Manry, J. M. Taylor, M. C. Engram,
 P. H. Plowden.
New Hope—T. B. Holley, L. C. Houston, J. D. Hoover.
Pine View—J. O. Scarborough.
Providence—J. T. Bruner, Sr.
Rehoboth—W. B. Edwards.
Salem—D. B. Clements, J. H. Turner, M. L. Holloway, L.
 C. Culbreth, S. W. Manry.
Sasser—J. C. Joiner, J. M. Barner.
Shellman—Rev. John Martin, M. C. Sheffield, R. B. Mar-
 tin, J. N. Watts, Rev. John G. Black.
Shiloh—R. E. Smith A. W. Dawson.
Sowhatchee—E. E. Martin.
Springvale—Wm. Ford, J. N. Massee.
Vilulah—Wm. Ragan, T. J. McFather, Robert White, C.
 E. Bigbie.

Permanent organization was effected by re-electing A. L. Miller Moderator and W. W. Flenſing Clerk.

Adopted order of business.

Fixed hour of meeting and adjourning: Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 10 45; meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at will.

Called for correspondents and visitors. The following were announced: Rev. H. L. Crumbley, from Summerhill Association; Rev. A. C. Wellons, from Friendship Association; Rev. W. H. Norton, from Rehoboth Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—Pastor and messengers of Carnegie church.

On Finance—J. M. Taylor, V. L. McTyre, C. G. Joiner.

On Digest of Letters—H. O. Fowler, J. G. Black, J. M. Johnson.

On Nominations—J. W. Stanford, R. G. Smith J. N. Watts.

Auditing Committee—J. E. Mansfield, Russell Hammock, D. B. Clements.

Called for report on Denominational Literature. Report read by Clerk. (See Document No. 1.) Spoken to by Rev. P. C. Barkley, Bro. J. W. Stanford, Rev. W. H. Norton, Rev. J. W. Martin, Rev. A. C. Wellons, Rev. B. S. Railey, H. L. Crumbley and D. H. Bass.

Report on Ministerial Relief read by Bro. J. W. Stanford. (See Doc. No. 2.) Spoken to by Rev. A. C. Wellons, Rev. B.

S. Railey, Bro. Dan W. Hammock, Bro. L. A. Duggan. Report adopted.

Report of Treasurer read and referred to auditing committee. (See Doc. No. 3.)

On motion, went into election of a Treasurer. Bro. D. W. Hammock was nominated and by direction of the association, the Clerk cast the ballot of the association for him.

Bros. H. O. Fowler and T. M. Thomas, new pastors who have come into the association since its last session, were introduced.

The resolution to amend article 18 of the Constitution, which proposed to increase the number of members in the executive committee to 9 was called up for final action and was defeated.

By unanimous consent, the Report of Trustees of Bethel College was taken up. Report adopted. (See Doc. No. 4.)

Bro. J. H. Harris, a ministerial student at Cyrene, a beneficiary of the Association, was introduced to the body and spoke his thanks for the assistance of the body.

Wednesday Morning.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. John F. Eden.

Called for correspondents and visitors. Rev. J. F. Eden, of Summerhill association, Rev. W. W. Arnold, of Friendship association, were announced.

Report on Laymen's Movement passed.

Report on Orphans Home was read by Rev. E. T. Dawson. (See Doc. No. 5.) Report spoken to by Rev. E. T. Dawson. Report adopted.

Report on State Missions read by Rev. J. W. Martin. (See Doc. No. 6.) Report adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Rev. B. S. Railey. (See Doc. No. 7.) Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions read by Rev. H. O. Fowler. (See Doc. No. 8.) Report adopted.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the 1913 session, the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were considered together and were spoken to by Rev. T. M. Thomas, Rev. A. C. Wellons, Rev. W. H. Norton, Rev. P. C. Barkley, Bro. J. W. Stanford and Rev. E. T. Dawson.

At the 11 o'clock hour the Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. B. S. Railey. Following the sermon a collection amounting to \$23.37 was taken up.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Report of the Committee on Education was read by Bro. R. G. Smith. (See Doc. No. 9.) Discussed by Bro. R. G. Smith, Prof. A. G. Cleveland, of Norman Park Institute, Dr. J. W. Stanford. A collection and pledges amounting to \$51.00 was

taken up for Norman Institute. Bro. D. W. Hammock, Bro. J. H. Harris, Rev. H. L. Crumbley, Rev. W. H. Norton and Rev. W. W. Arnold spoke to the report. Report adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee read by Bro. D. B. Clements. Report adopted.

Report on Nominations read by J. W. Stanford. (See Doc. No. 10.) Report adopted.

Report on Temperance read by Rev. J. W. Sauls. (See Doc. No. 11.) Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries read by Bro. J. N. Massee. (See Doc. No. 12.) Report adopted.

On motion took up Thursday's order of business.

Report on Woman's Work passed.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Rev. B. S. Railey. (See Doc. No. 13.) Report adopted.

Report of Executive Committee read by Bro. L. A. Duggan. (See Document No. 14.) Spoken to by Rev. B. S. Railey. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters read by Rev. H. O. Fowler. (See Document No. 15.) Spoken to by Rev. H. O. Fowler and Rev. J. G. Black.

Fixed time and place of next meeting on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1915, with the church at Shellman, Ga.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

Home Missions—T. M. Thomas, W. C. Wiggins, R. L. Jenkins.

State Missions—B. S. Railey, Lester Martin, Wm. Ford.

Foreign Missions—John W. Martin, J. M. Taylor. P. H. Plowden.

Sunday Schools—J. G. Black, M. C. Sheffield, W. B. Edwards.

Temperance—H. O. Fowler, H. D. McLendon, W. H. Ferguson, B. F. Pearce.

Orphan's Home—J. G. Corley, M. W. Balkcom, W. H. Joiner.

Education—J. M. Taylor, J. E. Mansfield, R. G. Smith.

Denominational Literature—E. T. Dawson, C. G. Joiner, Will Sandlin, T. A. Meadows.

Ministerial Relief—J. N. Massee, Joe Ray, C. A. Brown.

Woman's Work—J. W. Sauls, V. L. McTyer, J. W. Craft, J. E. Mansfield.

Obituaries—L. A. Duggan, J. T. Stewart, M. L. Holloway.

Laymen's Movement—J. W. Stanford, C. J. Taylor, J. M. Taylor, L. A. Duggan, W. W. Fleming, R. G. Smith, W. H. Joiner.

Time and Place—Russell Hammock, John G. Black, J. W. Stanford.

Auditing Committee—R. G. Smith, V. L. McTyer, L. A. Duggan.

Report of Finance Committee.

We, the Finance Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

For State Missions	\$15.31
For Home Missions	12.92
For Foreign Missions	34.34
For Ministerial Relief	4.92
For Orphan's Home	14.98
For Minutes and Clerk	74.50

Total \$156.97

We, your committee, find that the following churches failed to send any funds for Minutes and Clerk—Antioch, Dover. Elmdel, Enon, Midway, Morgan and Mt. Zion.

J. M. TAYLOR,
C. G. JOINER,
V. L. McTYER.

The committee appointed at the 1912 session to report upon the advisability of accepting an interest in Cyrene Institute reported that it would be unadvisable to do so. The report of the committee, which was made by Rev. E. T. Dawson verbally, was adopted.

Report on Woman's Work read by the Clerk and was adopted. (See Document No. 16.) Spoken to by Rev. T. M. Thomas and L. A. Duggan.

On motion \$25 was appropriated for the payment of the Clerk and the balance of the funds sent up for Clerk and Minutes was appropriated for minutes.

The following resolution offered by Rev. B. S. Railey was adopted:

Resolved, That the Moderator be requested to appoint a standing Auditing Committee, composed of three men whose duty shall be to make out and mail a statistical sheet and request the Clerks to fill out and mail this report not later than one week before each session.

The following resolution of thanks offered by Bro. J. W. Stanford was adopted by a rising vote:

"We respectfully thank the good people of Carnegie for the bountiful entertainment of the Association during its session just closed."

Adjournment. A. L. MILLER, Moderator.
W. W. FLEMING, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Document No. 1.

Report on Denominational Literature.

We find from observation that people are like about what they read. We therefore recommend that they read good literature. As the best literature we recommend, first of all, the Bible. Next we recommend our denominational papers, viz: Christian Index, Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal and the Sunday school literature of our convention.

J. G. CORLEY, Chairman.

Document No. 2.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief.

We have great cause for which to be thankful to our Heavenly Father. Not one of our ministers has fallen by the wayside during the year that has past. Some have been brought by sickness very near to the border land, but God in His goodness has seen fit to spare them to us and His cause, for which we would be grateful. We have also cause for gratitude, that not one of the ministers within the bounds of the association is dependent upon our contributions or needing our financial assistance. While this is true, we should not lessen our contributions or efforts in this direction, for there are those in other parts of our State that are less fortunate that need our help, and we should not forget them. It was doubtless this thought in the mind of Paul when he wrote: "I fear that, after having preached the gospel to others, I myself might be a castaway." Not a castaway from God, but from, and by, his brethren. For Paul never had any fear of falling away from that grace that had so wonderfully saved and kept him. Brethren, don't forget the aged preachers. Give them not only your contributions of money, but love, sympathy, courtesy, kindness and an invitation to your churches and homes. One flower given them now by a loving heart is worth more than a wagon load placed on their coffin. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD Chairman.

Document No. 3.

Treasurer's Report.

By amount from Finance Committee	\$370.93
To various objects assigned	\$289.18
To Clerk of Association	81.75

\$370.93 \$370.93

DAN W. HAMMOCK, Treasurer.

Auditing Committee's Report.

To the Bethel Association: We have examined the report of your Treasurer. His statement with vouchers thereto attached are correct.

D. B. CLEMENTS,
R. G. HAMMOCK, Com.

Document No. 4.

Report of Trustees of Bethel College.

The Board of Trustees of Bethel College submit the following report:

Oct. 22, 1913.	To balance on hand	\$185.00	
Jan. 29, 1914.	To cash from C. A. DeVane	27.50	
Aug. 18, 1914.	To cash from C. A. DeVane	17.00	
			\$229.50
Feb. 9.	By cash loaned to J. H. Harris	\$70.00	
Mar. 9.	By cash loaned to Oscar Brewer	15.00	
Sept. 12.	By cash loaned to F. A. Bone	25.00	
Oct. 26, 1914.	Cash on hand	119.50	
			\$229.50
			\$229.50

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD, Chm..

L. A. DUGGAN Sec.

Document No. 5.

Report of Committee on Orphan's Home.

One of the basic principles of pure and undefiled religion, as laid down by one of the inspired writers is to visit the "fatherless in their affliction." The Baptist Christians of Georgia have over two hundred of these "afflicted" ones in their institution at Hapeville, and have the opportunity of cultivating this principle to the highest degree. In our Orphanage located at Hapeville we have one of the best managed, and certainly one of the most worthy, institutions in the country, where the physical, mental, moral and spiritual elements in these "afflicted" ones' lives are cared for. Mr. Scoggins, the new manager of the Home says: "We have fourteen regular workers in the Home, and four school teachers during nine months in the year. The school carries eight grades and a kindergarten, every child having been placed in school. We have in our Home the regular church societies, such as Y. W. A., R. A., Sunbeams, Teachers' Training Classes and B. Y. P. U. We are doing all in our power to make of our boys and girls active Christian workers, that they may help those who have done so much for them. A school of telegraphy has been made possible through the courtesy of the Western Union Telegraph Co., and the Ponce de Leon Baptist church of Atlanta. . Quite a number of our

boys and girls have completed this course and now have lucrative positions. The children are clothed by societies, Sunday schools and individuals. Some send clothes ready-made, others prefer to send money to cover entire expenses. It takes considerable amount of coal to run our engines, cooking stoves, and heat our building in winter. Refurnishing our household and kitchen, the insurance and repair on buildings, together with the salaries of the workers, medical attention, drug bill and the many incidentals amount to about \$3,000 a month. To maintain the Home cost about \$35,000 annually. As to our needs, spreads, sheets, table cloths, napkins, etc., are always in demand. Just at present we are in need of money or shoes more than anything else." There are more than two hundred and eighty thousand Baptists in Georgia, and if each will contribute something towards the support of the Home, the management would have plenty of money for all purposes. This is one of our greatest works, and the Baptists of Georgia can not afford to neglect it. The Home is in urgent need of funds to meet current support. Can not we confidently expect the Baptist churches of Georgia to rally to this great work? Respectfully,

E. T. DAWSON, Chairman.

Document No. 6.

Report on State Missions.

Your committee on State Missions begs leave to make the following report: It is said that only one-third of the people in the United States are professed Christians, and the same is true of Georgia. Jesus gave us the example of preaching the gospel and He called other men to follow Him and He would make them fishers of men. His plan has been continued ever since. There were some with unclean spirits and He commanded them to come out of them, and it was done. And when He had healed many of them he said, let us go into the next town that I may preach there also for therefore came I forth, and He healed one of palsy, and He taught by the seaside and He ordained twelve that they should be with Him, and that He would send them forth to preach the gospel. If we expect our children to be saved at home, we must have the gospel preached to them. If we wish to keep out the isms of the day, we must preach the gospel. Let us hold up Jesus as the light of the world. Our State Mission funds are almost up with last year and we hope to be out of debt at the State Convention.

J. W. MARTIN, Chairman.

Document No. 7.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Va., and is composed of nineteen local members and eighteen mem-

bers at large, representing each State in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board conducts work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China and Africa. In these countries we have three hundred and eighty churches with eight hundred and thirty-three out-stations, thirty thousand church members and five hundred and forty-two Sunday schools with twenty-two thousand scholars enrolled. We have also nine thousand three hundred and seventy-six students in mission schools, four hundred and twenty of whom are in the theological seminaries and training schools seeking specific preparation for Christian work.

The present force of workers embraces just three hundred, of which number twenty are under appointment, but have not yet sailed for their respective fields of labor. In addition to these home sent missionaries we have on the combined fields six hundred and thirty-five native workers.

The work prospers on nearly all the fields; five thousand and fifty-two converts were baptized last year, the largest number ever reported for a single year. Conditions at this hour give promise of still more abundant fruits, if we take advantage of the opportunities opening to us everywhere.

But our successes and our opportunities have laid responsibilities upon us and to make insistent demands of us which we can not ignore without turning much of our success into failure and throwing away our God-given opportunity for still larger achievements. Multitudes have been made ready for the Word of Life; thousands are awaiting training in the Christian life and for Christian service; our schools are overflowing a score of consecrated young men and women are offering themselves to the Board for the needed work; and untouched fields invite us to the harvest. Need and opportunity never combined in such a challenge to Southern Baptists. Nothing less than immediate and immense enlargement can answer this challenge, and set us in a place of great honor, usefulness, and advantage for our gospel.

Shall we prove ourselves worthy of so signal a favor as God is ready to bestow upon us? We are sufficient in numbers, capable in talents and leadership and able in material resources. We can meet the challenge of the great opportunity if we will. Gifts to the work advanced forty-four thousand dollars last year over the previous year. But one-half our people have no part in this advance; and consequently had no part in the blessed results accomplished; and will have no part in the glorious rewards to be bestowed. Our task for the present year includes first, the completion of the Judson fund; 2. the enlistment of more than one-half of our church members who have not yet given anything for Foreign Missions; 3. the development of present givers into larger giving; 4. the inauguration

in each church of a plan of systematic monthly giving and remitting for this cause, so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payment may be avoided. We commend these four objects to the thoughtful consideration of our pastors and churches.

In order to increase intelligence concerning this great work of the denomination, and to enable all our people to work together harmoniously toward the same end, we recommend and urge that the Foreign Mission Journal be taken and read by every Baptist family within our bounds; and to secure so desirable an end, we suggest that each pastor in the Association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor, to canvass the membership with this object in view. All our people ought to be well informed about a work so great as this of giving the gospel to the lost nations, and the Journal is the publication which the denomination uses to give this information.

B. S. RAILEY,

J. E. WARE,

D. W. HAMMOCK, Com.

Document No. 8.

A Statement About Home Missions.

Last year more than 30,000 baptisms were reported by missionaries supported wholly or in part by our Home Mission Board, and more than 56,000 additions to Baptist churches. Matchless as is this record, equally promising for the future, though less adapted to being shown in figures, was the development and efficiency work accomplished through the Mission school and Enlistment activities of the Board.

With such glorious successes achieved, much larger Home Mission tasks are beckoning Southern Baptists today. There never was a time in the South when so much depended, as now depends, upon an alert, consecrated and militant missionary program.

In 1880 the population of the South was 18,000,000. Of the 33,000,000 here today 22,000,000 make no profession of religion. If we count off 4,000,000 who, from infancy or other causes, are irresponsible, there are still in the South today a mighty host of unsaved people equal in number to the entire population in 1880.

Evangelistic effort is still more successful in the Southern Baptist Convention territory than in any other part of the country, but it is steadily becoming more difficult in our territory to win people to Christ, or to hold those who have been won to lives of service without a program for training and strengthening the life which has been implanted. This has its cause in the changing conditions of life in our day. Machinery, transportation and intercommunication have largely broken up

the old conditions of localism, independence and community spirit. Old habits and ideals are being swept away and even the churches of Christ must adjust themselves to the change and learn how to make spiritual and to direct the new life, or else lose their leadership and power. These changes cry out to us for a heroic and statesmanlike Home Mission program.

Never before in America have there been so many insidious attacks as there are today upon true religion. These attacks propose either a religion of a closed Bible, as Roman Catholics do, or a religion of a mutilated and grossly perverted Bible, as do Christian Science, Russellism and half a dozen other destructive false faiths. These modern false faiths all agree in a deceitful effort to destroy the Lordship and deity of Jesus Christ, while Romanism obscures the worship of Christ by the closed Bible and saint worship.

The South is the last great stronghold and hope of the religion of the open Bible, and both from their peculiar doctrines and their numbers Baptists have the greatest opportunity and obligation to hold this great section for Jesus Christ and make it a center from which shall go out mighty forces of world redemption.

The flagrant attacks upon the deity of Christ challenge every true preacher and every church to gird themselves for great tasks. They mightily challenge us to throw the whole power of our body into a mighty missionary campaign for Christ, in which there shall be much study and teaching of the Word and preaching of the Lordship of Christ and of other Bible doctrines. Home Mission and State Mission churches have been and will continue to be, not only centers of strong denominational spirit and of genuine progress; they have always been and will always be dependable centers of loyalty to the Word of God. To strengthen our Home Mission work is to strengthen the things that tend mightily in a day of gainsayers and wolves in sheeps' clothing to enthrone Christ and crown Him Lord of all.

Through ten separate special Departments the Home Mission Board seeks to further the Kingdom of our Lord in the South. We recommend:

1. That our churches be encouraged to make a larger use of the splendid free Home Mission tracts issued by the Home Board, and to form study classes in the Board's new book, "Baptist Home Missions."
2. That clubs of subscribers be gotten in the churches for THE HOME FIELD. It is an exceedingly distressing and unworthy situation that only one Baptist preacher in five in the South gets this splendid magazine.
3. We recommend that prayer be made in our churches for this great cause and for the saving and holding of the South for

our Lord Jesus Christ, and that preachers be requested to preach frequently on Home Mission subjects.

The address of the Home Mission Board is 1004 Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga. Literature should be ordered from the Publicity Department. Respectfully submitted

H. O. FOWLER, Chairman.

Document No. 9.

Report on Education.

There has been no time in recent years when a greater interest has been manifested in the cause of education in general than now, and at no time have the several evangelical churches manifested a greater interest in the success of their schools, whether established for their sons or for their daughters.

If the best thing that can happen to any young man is the adaptation of the individual to the purposes of God for his life, then surely no apology is needed for the position that young persons at a formative and impressional period of their lives should be surrounded by proper religious influences.

Today, as perhaps never before, society faces knotty problems that need to be solved in the interests of humanity and truth. It is the ideal of Christian education to develop clear minds and strong personalities, which shall be able to do a manly and effective part in serving humanity's deeper interest--and the Christian college has discovered that the men who, with trained minds, can do this, are those who have learned the truths men have taught, but still more the truth which is in Him who has given the world its only effective solvent of a self-centered life, and taught each man that he is his brother's keeper.

Georgia Baptists have been the advocates of education from the earliest times our people seem to realize as never before this pregnant truth, that no denomination has ever reached great strength and fulfilled its highest mission apart from the support of a strong denominational college.

We have Mercer University for young men, Bessie Tift and Shorter Colleges for young women, and a number of high schools. These schools are ours. They, along with the Seminary, have claims upon the gifts of us Baptists. All of them need help in meeting their current support. In view of the fact that those called to the ministry are for the most part financially unable to educate themselves without some aid, and in view of a more pressing need of a competent and educated ministry today, and in view of the "Mercer System" of schools, your committee recommends that the churches be urged to give liberally to these objects as specified in the schedule and we also recommend our Baptist schools as worthy the patronage, interest and prayers of our Baptist people.

R. G. SMITH, For the Committee.

Document No. 10.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Doctrinal Sermon—J. W. Martin; alternate, E. T. Dawson.

Missionary Sermon—T. M. Thomas; alternate, H. O. Fowler.

Delegates to State Convention—B. S. Railey, John G. Black, T. M. Thomas, W. W. Fleming, J. W. Martin, H. O. Fowler, A. L. Miller, J. W. Stanford, J. H. Harris, D. W. Hammock.

Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention—B. S. Railey; alternate, T. M. Thomas.

Executive Committee—B. S. Railey, J. G. Black, T. M. Thomas, H. O. Fowler and J. W. Martin.

Your committee would respectfully recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized and requested to make suggestions and changes as they think wise in the order of business and suggest these changes at the next session of the association. We further suggest that a standing committee be created on Time and Place. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD,

R. G. SMITH,

J. N. WATTS.

Document No. 11.

Report on Temperance.

Prohibition is no longer a myth, but it is a real principle, therefore should be upheld with all the energy of the Christian world. The brewers, with all the whisky element, are very busy in their efforts to stay or disenthroned state-wide prohibition. They say that prohibition does not prohibit, but makes blind tigers. Neither does the gallows nor the penitentiary prevent murder or robbery. Therefore, brethren let us be instant in season and out of season in our efforts against the intemperance movement. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SAULS, Chairman.

Document No. 12.

Report on Obituaries.

Since our meeting together a year ago thirty-three of our brothers and sisters have fallen asleep. We bow in humble submission to our Heavenly Father's will, for we know that he doeth all things well. We know not when the call may come to us. Each year's records tell that we are passing away, so it behooves us to be ready, for we know not when the call will come.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. MASSEE, Chairman,

B. E. JOINER.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools herewith submit their report: A great effort has been made since our last association to improve the teaching ability in our schools. We are pleased to report that more than fifty have taken the Teacher Training Course and have received their diplomas this year. From this leaven we are expecting much increase in the efficiency of our teaching force. Some schools have adopted the graded literature gotten out by our Sunday School Board.

We most earnestly urge that the pastors and Sunday school superintendents of the churches in our association take up this work in the schools and push it to a successful completion for only through competent, well-prepared teachers, equipped with the best tools and using the best methods, can our schools be made the most efficient. Can we realize what the Sunday school is to the church and not make it the very best that we can for the honor and glory of our Master?

.. T. F. MOODY, Chairman.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your committee submits the following report:

We have held three meetings in 1914: February 3, at Cuthbert, March 28 at Coleman, October 12 at Cuthbert.

Bro. Carl A. DeVane has paid his two notes, amounting to \$44.50.

We have loaned to Bro. J. H. Harris at Cyrene Institute \$70.00; to Bro. Oscar Brewer at Norman Park \$15.00, and to Bro. Filmore A. Bone at Mercer University \$25.00, and have agreed to lend to Bro. Bone ten dollars per month up to \$60.00 additional.

The Committee made an appeal to the churches for a small contribution to be expended in the work of the Committee. We have received in response:

Coleman Church	\$2.00
Herod church	1.00
Fifth Sunday Meeting, Pub. Collection	8.07
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	\$11.07

We have expended this fund, Rev. B. S.

Railey Committee Expenses	\$6.00
Blackboards for statistical display	

The Committee recommends that the succeeding Executive Committees appoint a stated time, Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, and request all applicants for the loan fund to meet the Committee on that date and place their requests before it.

Exhibit of Appeal to the Churches for the Year 1914-1915.

	Total	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Minister- ial Relief	Ga. Baptist Hospital	Schools and Colleges	Ministerial Education
Antioch . .	\$ 55.20	\$12.70	\$ 8.83	\$13.80	\$ 6.07	\$ 1.66	\$ 6.63	\$ 3.87	\$1.66
Arlington	147.20	33.86	23.55	36.80	16.20	4.41	17.67	10.30	4.41
Bethany ..	117.20	26.96	18.75	29.30	12.90	3.51	14.07	8.20	3.51
Bethel . .	47.15	10.85	7.55	11.79	5.19	1.42	5.66	3.30	1.42
Beulah ..	50.60	11.64	8.10	12.65	5.57	1.52	6.07	3.54	1.52
Blakely ..	278.30	64.21	44.53	69.57	30.65	8.35	33.50	19.48	8.35
Bluffton ..	72.45	16.67	11.60	18.15	7.97	2.18	8.70	5.07	2.18
Carnegie ..	140.30	32.27	22.45	35.08	15.45	4.21	16.84	9.82	4.21
Coleman ..	128.80	29.62	20.61	32.20	14.17	3.87	15.46	9.02	3.87
Colomokee	131.10	30.05	21.98	32.78	14.42	3.93	15.73	9.18	3.93
Cuthbert ..	323.13	74.32	51.70	80.78	35.55	9.70	38.78	22.62	9.70
Damascus E	40.25	9.26	6.44	10.06	4.43	1.21	4.83	2.82	1.21
Damascus R	233.45	53.70	37.35	58.36	25.68	7.00	28.01	16.36	7.00
Dover . . .	82.80	19.05	13.25	20.70	9.11	2.49	9.96	5.70	9.96
Edison ..	246.10	56.60	39.38	61.52	27.07	7.38	29.53	17.23	7.38
Elmodel ..	14.95	3.44	2.40	3.74	1.65	.45	1.75	1.05	.45
Elam . . .	94.30	21.69	15.09	23.58	10.37	2.83	11.32	6.60	2.83
Enon . . .	63.25	14.55	10.12	15.81	6.96	1.90	7.38	4.43	1.90
Enterprise	85.10	19.57	13.62	21.28	9.36	2.55	10.20	5.96	2.55
Ft. Gaines	249.55	57.40	39.93	62.37	27.45	7.49	29.95	17.47	7.48
Georgetown	89.70	20.63	14.35	22.42	9.87	2.70	10.80	6.28	2.70
Herod ..	71.30	16.40	11.41	17.83	7.84	2.14	8.56	4.99	2.14
Hillside ..	51.75	11.90	8.28	12.94	5.69	1.55	6.20	3.62	1.55
Hilton ..	47.15	10.85	7.54	11.79	5.19	1.42	5.68	3.30	1.42
Leary	64.40	14.81	10.30	16.10	7.08	1.93	7.72	4.51	1.93
Midway ..	25.30	5.82	4.05	6.32	2.78	.76	3.04	1.77	.76
Millford ..	52.90	12.17	8.46	13.22	5.82	1.59	6.36	3.70	1.53
Morgan ..	174.80	40.20	27.95	43.70	19.23	5.24	20.96	12.24	5.24
Morris Sta.	54.05	12.43	8.65	13.51	5.95	1.62	6.48	3.79	1.62
Mt. Gilead	51.75	11.88	8.28	12.94	5.70	1.55	6.20	3.62	1.55
Mt. Hebron	141.45	32.54	22.63	35.36	15.56	4.24	16.96	9.90	4.24
Mt. Zion	36.80	8.46	5.89	9.20	4.05	1.11	4.44	2.58	1.11
New Bethel	141.45	32.54	22.63	35.36	15.56	4.24	16.96	9.90	4.24
New Hope	218.50	50.46	34.96	54.62	24.04	6.56	26.24	15.30	6.56
Pine View	70.15	16.14	11.23	17.53	7.72	2.11	8.42	4.91	2.11
Providence	69.80	13.76	9.57	14.95	6.58	1.80	7.20	4.19	1.80
Rehoboth	139.15	32.00	22.21	34.78	15.31	4.18	16.72	9.74	4.18
Salem ..	254.15	58.46	40.67	63.53	27.96	7.63	30.52	17.79	7.63
Sasser ..	133.40	30.68	21.35	33.35	14.68	4.00	16.00	9.34	4.00
Shellman .	164.45	37.82	26.31	41.11	18.09	4.93	17.72	11.51	4.93
Shiloh ..	46.00	10.58	7.36	11.50	5.06	1.38	5.52	3.22	1.38
Sowhatchee	24.15	5.55	3.87	6.03	2.66	.73	2.92	1.69	.73
Springvale	55.20	12.70	8.83	13.80	6.07	1.66	6.64	3.86	1.66
Vilulah ..	187.43	43.11	29.99	46.85	20.61	5.62	22.48	13.12	5.62
Friendship	83.94	19.30	13.43	20.98	9.23	2.52	10.08	5.88	2.52
Mt. Vernon	51.75	11.88	8.28	12.94	5.70	1.55	6.20	3.62	1.55

We offer the Exhibit of Appeal as sent out by the Mission Board and recommend its adoption. Bethel Association is asked for \$5,000, which is a little over \$1.15 per member, fractions of a cent disregarded in the collections.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. B. S. RAILEY, Chairman,
L. A. DUGGAN, Sec. and Treas.

Document No. 15.

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters.

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, beg to submit the following:

Out of forty-six churches in the Association, forty churches reported 187 baptisms, an increase of 17 over the same number of churches reporting last year. Of this number 89 are reported from the Sunday schools.

We find that here are six churches in our Association not represented by letters.

We find that of the forty churches reporting seven report no Sunday schools.

We find a very substantial increase in the membership of the churches reporting over the reported membership of the same churches last year.

We find that many of the clerks are taking considerable pains in preparing their Associational letters, and we beg that next year will sell a still larger number doing the same, as it greatly facilitates time and labor.

We find written invitations for the next session of the Association from the churches at Shellman and Herod.

H. O. FOWLER,
J. G. BLACK,
J. M. JOHNSON, Committee.

Document No. 16.

Report on Woman's Work.

Facts and Figures—The Woman's Missionary Union was organized twenty-six years ago as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. It contributed last year to the various objects fostered by the denomination more than the whole convention gave in 1888, the year the Union was admitted into the convention. The work at the general offices of the Union in Baltimore is carried on at a cost of less than four per cent. of the amount reported. Contributions for last year are:

Foreign Missions	\$174,664.35
Home Missions	108,731.04
Boxes	10,017.03
Sunday School Board	1,532.25
Current Expenses	3,438.33

Enlargement	7,286.82
Students' Fund	5,079.72
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Total	\$310 749.54
The W. B. M. U. of Georgia gave last year for:	
State Missions	\$18,930.25.
Home Missions	15,129.03
Foreign Missions	26,740.64
Schools and Colleges	2,952.75
Mary P. Willingham School	5,914.97
Ministerial Education	1,884.86
Training School	2,498.23
Ministerial Relief	1,343.66
Margaret Home	131.31
Sunday School Board	66.34
Orphan's Home	6,780.25
Messenger	1,693.66
Miscellaneous	475.42
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Total	\$84,541.46

An increase over the previous year's total of \$5,008.18. The amount contributed by the Union of Bethel Association for all purposes this year is about \$1800.00.

In our Sunday school lessons it was plain to be seen that Mary, the loving faithful disciple of our Redeemer, was the first to whom He entrusted the message that heralded the glad-some news that He was risen from the dead. A little while before the death of Jesus, it was a woman who broke the alabaster box of ointment, pouring its precious contents on His head, and who wiped His feet with her hair in her tender, womanly way. This fidelity and loyalty of woman was not only shown in the life and labor of our Savior and in that dark and gloomy period when he lay dead in the tomb, but it has been the beacon light of all the races of mankind since the first woman gave her heart and life to the first man, and there rejoiced with Him among the shady nooks and fragrant flowers of man's first paradise. The Bible and all human history teach us that for loyalty, purity and love, she has outdistanced her companion, man, and that today in every high and holy walk and way in life and in every righteous thought and aim she is crowned the world's exalted queen, and by every gentle means she seeks to uplift the human race and sanctify the world. Respectfully submitted,

W. L. CULBERTSON Chairman.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

Article 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in divine perfection.

Article 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

Article 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on the principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

Article 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Article 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

Article 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by convention in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that it is only proper to have bishops or pastors and deacons.

Article 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

Article 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

Article 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last

day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association may order through her Executive Committee.

He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed unless suspended for a special object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions when seconded must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or use unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Morning.

10 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.

11 A. M.—Introductory Sermon.

Tuesday Afternoon.

1. Former Moderator calls Association to order.
2. Devotional exercises.
3. Call roll of messengers.
4. Elect moderator and clerk.
5. Adopt order of business.
6. Hear applications for membership.
7. Fix hours of meeting and adjournment.
8. Call for correspondents and visitors.
9. Appoint the following committees: On Preaching, on Finance, on Digest of Letters, on Nominations.
10. Report on Denominational Literature.
11. Report on Ministerial Relief.
12. Miscellaneous business.

Wednesday Morning.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Call for correspondents and visitors.
3. Report of Treasurer.
4. Elect Treasurer.
5. Report on Laymen's Movement.
6. Report on Orphans' Home.
7. Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions.
8. Report on Education.
9. Adjourn for preaching.

Wednesday Afternoon.

1. Report of Auditing Committee.
2. Report on Education.
3. Report of Committee on Nominations.
4. Report on Temperance.
5. Report on Obituaries.
6. Adjournment.

Thursday Morning.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Report of Trustees of Bethel College.
3. Report on Woman's Work.
4. Report on Sunday Schools.
5. Report of Executive Committee.
6. Report on Digest of Letters and State of Churches.
7. Fix time and place for holding next session.

8. Appoint the following standing committees: On Home Missions, State Missions and Foreign Missions, on Sunday Schools, on Temperance, on Orphan's Home, on Education, on Denominational Literature, on Ministerial Relief, on Woman's Work, on Obituaries, on Laymen's Movement, on Time and Place, Auditing Committee.

9. Report of Committee on Finance.
10. Arrange for printing minutes and paying clerk.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjournment.

Schedule for Churches in the Bethel Association.

(Adopted from "Schedule for Baptists.")

January—Ministerial Education.

February—Home and Foreign Missions

March—Home and Foreign Missions. (Self Denial.)

April—Schools and Colleges. (Training School.)

May—Missions, Margaret Home and S. S. Board.

June—Missions.

July—Ministerial Relief.

August—Missions, Evangelist.

September—State Missions.

October—Orphans' Home.

November—Missions, Frontier Missionary.

December—Missions, Christmas Offering.

Directions for Sending Money.

Collections for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, Schools and Colleges, Orphans' Home should be sent to J. J. Bennett, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Atlanta, Ga.

Send collections for printing minutes and paying clerk to Treasurer of your Association.

NOTE—In sending money to J. J. Bennett, Secty. & Treasurer, great care should be exercised. If the money is from the church, Sunday School, W. M. S., Y. W. A., Sunbeams or Royal Ambassadors, let it appear so, distinctly. Also let the object or purpose for which the money is contributed be clearly stated. And all of this is next to useless unless the name of the Association is given in the letter in which the money is remitted. Not to give the name of the Association from which the money is sent utterly destroys the plans of the book-keepers in the Board's office where the effort is being made to keep accounts with the Associations.

No funds should ever be sent to the Association which are afterwards to be sent to the Boards.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. G. Corley	Route 1, Blakely, Ga.
John G. Black	Shellman, Ga.
E. S. Cheshire	Route 3, Blakely, Ga.
W. L. Culbertson	Shellman, Ga.
E. T. Dawson	Rt. 4, Blakely, Ga.
J. E. Dykes	Kestler, Ga.
H. O. Fowler	Fort Gaines, Ga.
W. D. Hammock	Coleman, Ga.
John Martin	Shellman, Ga.
John W. Martin	Cuthbert, Ga.
B. S. Railey	Cuthbert, Ga.
J. W. Sauls	Shellman, Ga.
T. M. Thomas	Arlington, Ga.

STATISTICS OF CH

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P.
Antioch	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood, Ga.	J. O. Griffith, Morris S
Arlington	T. M. Thomas, Arlington ..	W. C. Wiggins, Arling
Bethany	J. R. Blewett, Cyrene	W. F. Lawrence, Milfor
Bethel	J. E. Dykes, Kestler	J. F. Robinson, Blakel
Beulah	E. T. Dawson, Blakely	J. E. Hudspeth, Cedar
Blakely	J. A. J. Dumas, Blakely	W. W. Fleming, Blakel
Bluffton	T. M. Thomas, Arlington ..	J. S. Haisten, Bluffton
Carnegie	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman ..	Ross Swann, Carnegie
Coleman	J. A. Ivey, Dawson	C. A. Brown, Coleman
Colomokee	J. G. Corley, Blakely	J. C. Balkcom, Blakely
Cuthbert	B. S. Railey, Cuthbert	L. A. Duggan, Cuthber
Damascus, Early ..	W. O. Crumbley, Kestler	G. L. Dykes, Kestler ..
Damascus, Randolph	B. S. Railey, Cuthbert	J. T. Peak, Cuthbert ..
Dover		
Edison	H. L. Crumbley, Richland ..	H. E. Hammock, Ediso
Elmodel		
Elam	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	J. T. Sauls, Shellman ..
Enon		
Enterprise	N. G. Christopher, Whigham ..	A. H. Richardson, Bluf
Fort Gaines	H. O. Fowler, Fort Gaines ..	J. M. Culpepper, Jr., Ft
Friendship	J. G. Corley, Blakely	W. H. Ferguson, Cuth
Georgetown	H. L. Driskell, Macon	H. M. Kaigler, Georg
Herod	J. F. Eden, Lumpkin	C. M. Harris, Dawson
Hillside	T. M. Thomas, Arlington ..	D. L. Patrick, Arlingto
Hilton	Walter Dean, Hartford, Ala.	C. A. Belisle, Blakely
Leary	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman ..	D. Q. Keel, Leary
Midway	H. O. Fowler, Fort Gaines ..	M. A. Lokey, Hatcher ..
Milford	W. O. Crumbley, Kestler ..	J. W. Johnstone, Le
Morgan	No Pastor	C. B. Weaver, Morga
Morris Station	B. S. Railey, Cuthbert	J. L. Cumble, Morris ..
Mt. Gilead	W. D. Hammock, Coleman ..	P. C. Lindsey, Ft. Ga
Mt. Hebron	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	J. W. Fellows, Carneg
Mt. Vernon	H. O. Fowler, Fort Gaines ..	A. H. Martin, Ft. Ga
Mt. Zion		
New Bethel	J. W. Sauls, Shellman	
New Hope	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	W. A. Lindsey, Blakel
Pine View	E. T. Dawson, Hilton	J. W. Scarborough, B
Providence	E. T. Dawson, Hilton	G. W. Kenney, Blakel
Rehoboth	J. G. Corley, Blakely	H. J. Edwards, Shellma
Salem	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman ..	G. W. Manry, Edison ..
Sasser	W. L. Culbertson, Shellman ..	R. J. Grier, Sasser ..
Shellman	J. G. Black, Shellman	O. Z. Dean, Jr., Shell
Shiloh	A. C. Wellons, Plains	A. W. Dawson, Morris
Sowhatchee	E. T. Dawson, Hilton	J. L. Ricks, Hilton ..
Springvale	H. L. Driskell, Macon	T. M. Davis, Springva
Vilulah	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	B. E. Joiner, Coleman

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Total	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Ga. Baptist Hospital	Schools and Colleges	Ministerial Education	Other Objects	Total	Grand Total
161.00	\$ 22.15	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 22.15	\$ 173.15
165.32	84.30	19.00	29.45	43.25	2.90		13.19			192.09	1357.41
197.04	4.31									4.31	201.35
141.00	2.00									2.00	143.00
134.51	1.86									1.86	136.37
753.17	71.63	73.82	68.85	79.94	9.25	11.18	74.70	27.50	104.00	520.85	3274.02
754.00	10.00	10.50	14.50	16.00						51.00	805.00
288.25	17.08	20.50	6.20							43.78	332.03
417.69	73.19	51.98	62.64	37.09	6.38	7.50	7.78	6.13	20.00	272.69	690.38
233.50	26.86	9.04	13.56	25.00						74.46	307.96
066.94	97.10	953.80	1057.85	159.04	28.94		71.12	69.33	25.75	2463.93	4530.87
490.50		2.00	1.50							3.50	494.00
247.40	13.20	12.00	15.30		6.60		4.65	7.05		58.80	306.20
880.28	42.76	39.94	52.46	84.46	7.32		14.64	11.98	25.00	278.56	1158.84
2.00	10.00	10.00		9.50						29.50	31.50
223.35	1.00	1.00	1.32	1.30				1.10		5.72	229.05
216.24	61.44	87.73	99.85	37.73	13.26	47.00	17.52	13.90		490.69	1706.93
214.36			11.51	8.85			5.00			25.36	239.72
156.12	14.18	3.46	3.21	36.00			2.80	1.10		60.95	187.07
256.50	14.10	13.60	4.60	19.25		4.85	4.90	4.80		66.10	322.60
542.63	10.00									10.00	552.63
197.00	26.00	12.50	15.25	9.00	.50		.38	.37	10.60	64.60	261.60
408.00	6.70	2.00	2.00	13.20	3.00	2.00		2.40		32.00	440.00
153.44				2.21						2.21	155.65
										21.77	223.77
162.75	10.93	10.90	8.83	2.60	.40		5.00	3.78	4.47	46.91	209.66
135.00		4.00	2.30	4.00	6.00					16.30	151.30
127.00	1.95	1.92	1.92	1.92	1.92					11.13	138.13
126.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.43						12.40	138.65
204.00	19.00	4.00	7.90	5.00						35.90	239.90
244.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.51	2.00	17.00			8.00	39.51	283.51
213.75	4.00									4.00	217.75
164.50	2.86									2.86	167.36
8.75	12.25	15.45		5.00			5.00			37.70	46.45
225.16	11.97	27.45	34.75	10.00	5.00					89.17	314.33
419.00	22.70	22.00	3.10	.60	.20	10.00	1.55	.15		60.20	479.20
600.25	85.60	90.00	122.45	112.60	41.90		222.40	113.15	26.65	814.75	2415.00
132.60	10.00	9.32	10.00	5.00	1.68					36.00	168.60
537.00	11.00	4.00	6.00							21.00	558.00
152.50	8.05	8.07	5.87	5.00	1.90	1.60	2.50	2.51	29.45	64.95	217.45
193.50	27.85	18.04	4.85	7.91		7.10				65.79	259.29
7946.25	843.02	1543.02	1673.02	747.86	102.75	108.23	453.13	265.25	253.92	6167.45	24297.70

SUNDAY SCHOOL STA

CHURCH	Superintendent	Address	S. S. Enrollment Large as Church Membership	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Average Attendance	Pupils Enrolled
Antioch	J. O. Griffith	Morris Station		1	3	25	25
Arlington	J. M. Giddens	Arlington	Yes	1	15	100	136
Bethany	W. A. White	Milford	No	1	7		57
Bethel							
Beulah	J. C. Hodges	Cedar Springs	Yes	1	5	33	65
Blakely	B. R. Collins	Blakely		1	13	145	192
Bluffton	J. E. Mansfield	Bluffton	Yes	1	8	35	68
Carnegie	Wike Ivey	Carnegie		1	8	60	105
Coleman	W. D. Hammock	Coleman		1	9	50	65
Colomokee	F. B. Melton	Blakely	No	1	6	20	50
Cuthbert	T. F. Moody	Cuthbert		1	18	150	245
Damascus, Early							
Damascus, Randolph	J. A. Waller	Cuthbert		1	7	35	67
Dover							
Edison	Henry Turner	Edison		1	14	80	
Elmodel							
Elam	J. T. Stewart	Morgan		1	8		75
Enon							
Enterprise	R. G. Smith	Bluffton	No	1	6	25	56
Fort Gaines	W. L. Paullin	Fort Gaines	No	1	12	87	137
Friendship	Elijah Williams	Shellman					
Georgetown	D. M. Davidson	Georgetown	No	1	5		30
Herod	J. A. McLendon	Dawson					
Hillside	J. C. Weathers	Arlington					
Hilton							
Leary	L. S. Jones	Leary	No	1	8	45	62
Midway							
Milford	W. R. Morris	Milford	Yes	1	6	65	73
Morgan	Z. T. Rabun	Morgan					
Morris	W. J. Boyett	Morris Station	No		5	20	35
Mt. Gilead							
Mt. Hebron							
Mt. Vernon							
Mt. Zion							
New Bethel	S. H. Page	Shellman		1	5		24
New Hope	J. A. George	Blakely		1	8	50	80
Pine View	J. Q. Scarborough	Blakely	No	1	4	35	50
Providence	J. T. Bruner	Blakely					
Rehoboth	J. E. Henier	Shellman	No		4	20	30
Salem							
Sasser	R. J. Grier	Sasser		1	9	85	110
Shellman	C. P. Payne	Shellman	No	1	20	86	124
Shiloh	R. D. Crozier	Morris		1	5		34
Sowhatchee	J. L. Ricks	Hilton	Yes	1	6	30	50
Springvale	J. N. Massee	Edison					
Vilulah	G. W. Coram	Springvale		1			

formation of W. B. M. U. of Bethel Association

Messenger Agent		New Members	Total Membership	Total Female	Mem. Church	Messenger Subs.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Mary P. Wellingham School	Cash Total	Other Contrib. Thru Mis. Bd.	Local Work	Value of Boxes	Grand Total
n	Mrs. L. L. Lyon	11	39	15	22	80	19.00	29.45	29.95	10.92	112.12	1.00	75.95	15.00	204.07	
n	Miss Mattie Pound	12	12	10	16	15	8.45	9.80	14.87	2.00	51.27	104.00	196.55	35.25	571.15	
y	Mrs. W. W. Fleming	16	49	135	46	45	00	34.00	51.00	48.55	28.40	235.35	3.50	41.40	322.35	
	Mrs. J. B. Wall	2	14	60	13	8.40	7.00	10.85	4.72	4.03	35.00	30.00	10.00	40.00	32.71	
	Mrs. W. D. Hammock	5	22	34	14	24.00	20.00	31.00	13.50	4.50	100.00	265.20	27.25	41.40	322.35	
	Mrs. J. D. Gunn	5	38	159	16	63.60	53.00	82.15	35.95	30.50	265.20	30.00	10.00	40.00	32.71	
bert	Mrs. E. G. Sandlin	13	23	101	5	2.00	20.71	10.00	.....	.....	32.71	.....	.....	.....	.....
		10	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
awson	Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth	5	55	120	41	30.00	31.50	38.75	17.30	14.50	132.05	6.50	23.00	60.50	222.05	
ellman	Miss Mary Beard	20	20	59	15	3.60	3.00	4.65	2.04	1.72	15.00	.....	.....	.....	15.00
tion		6	39	110	20	37.61	37.00	42.45	6.48	21.28	147.60	22.00	42.82	12.50	224.90	
s	Mrs. A. G. Hash	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ellman	Mrs. J. H. Davis	2	17	40	5	6.35	2.70	1.91	6.00	1.75	18.71	.....	.....	30.00	48.71
	Mrs. A. R. Pruett	17	17	37	13	6.00	5.00	7.75	3.38	.28	25.00	7.10	.....	.....	32.10
	Miss Susie Davis	.....	.....	9	24	00	20.00	31.00	13.50	11.50	100.00	14.00	70.00	.....	184.00
tion	Mrs. J. L. Cumble	2	10	25	15	2.40	2.00	3.86	1.35	1.15	10.76	.....	3.75	.....	14.51
Gaines	Miss Bessie Shaw	17	17	21	8	3.10	2.00	3.10	1.35	1.15	10.70	.....	8.60	9.25	28.55
uthbert	Mrs. T. J. Ferguson	11	11	12	12	2.40	2.00	4.10	6.35	1.15	16.00	.....	.....	.....	16.00
an	Mrs. W. L. Culbertson	26	26	6	3	7.00	2.00	2.35	2.85	1.00	11.90	.....	.....	5.00	16.90
	Mrs. R. J. Grier	13	13	.....	2	40	2.00	3.10	1.35	1.15	10.00	.....	4.21	.....	14.21
		10	23	6	9	85	4.00	6.20	2.70	2.30	25.05	.....	.....	.....	25.05
	Mrs. W. H. Wells	7	36	24	50	40	42.00	33.95	28.35	24.15	198.25	.....	3.00	50.00	251.25
oleman		18	18	102	10	8.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.35	.....	.....	.....	8.35
rt		11	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	50	1.50
		
		50	3.00	3.00	4.00	8.10	1.50	19.60	19.60	39.20	
		10	30	5.00	6.00	7.75	3.65	2.60	25.00	4.25	29.25	
own		1.25	4.00	6.20	.70	2.00	14.15	14.15	
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		1.20	.75	1.75	.75	4.45	4.45	
		
		5	5	10.90	10.90	10.90	
		19	7	3.60	3.00	4.65	2.03	1.72	15.00	15.00	
		5	31	27	7.20	6.00	9.30	4.35	3.45	30.00	5.00	7.05	42.05	14.15	
		1	12	.....	1.25	4.00	6.20	.70	2.00	14.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.15
		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.02	.....	.....	.....	16.02

Grand Total \$3258.50

MINUTES OF W. B. M. U. BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Morgan Baptist Church, October 14, 1914.

The W. M. U. of Bethel Association, which convened with Morgan Baptist church October 14th and 15th, was called to order by the Superintendent, Mrs. A. G. Hash, of Fort Gaines Ga., at 12:30 o'clock.

After opening song and prayer, Mrs. Hash explained that it would be impossible for our Secretary, Mrs. B. W. Ellis, of Cuthbert, to be with us, and asked that a secretary pro tem be elected to fill her place. Mrs. Chester H. Peak, of Damascus (Randolph) church was elected and served. Mrs. Hash retired after introducing to the body Mrs. Z. T. Rabun, of Morgan, who led the devotional in an earnest and impressive manner. Subject, "The Lord's Prayer." Adjournment.

Dinner on the church grounds.

The meeting proper of the W. M. U. was called to order by the Superintendent, Mrs. Hash. Song. After a prayer by Bro. Fowler, of Fort Gaines, Mrs. Truman W. Tinsley gave the address of welcome, Mrs. L. P. Taylor, of Cuthbert, the response.

In answer to the roll call of Societies, it was found that the apportionment of our Bethel Association W. M. U. had been exceeded, the whole amount of the offering being \$1796.07, with one Society yet to be heard from.

Mrs. Hash then gave us the Superintendent's Report and Annual Address, which met with such favor that it was moved and seconded that this address be sent by Mrs. Hash to the Messenger. Mrs. Hash reluctantly allowed the motion to be voted upon and it was enthusiastically carried.

The District Secretaries rendered reports of their work and the showing made by them was a wonderful increase in membership of the Societies, also an increase in number of Societies.

The report of Mrs. W. H. Joiner, W. M. U. Treasurer, was read by Mrs. W. D. Hammock.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Publications—Mrs. W. H. Wells, Mrs. L. P. Taylor, Mrs. W. D. Hammock, chairman, Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth

Committee on Plan of Work—Mrs. B. S. Railey, Mrs. T. M. Thomas, Mrs. Arthur White, chairman, Mrs. J. L. Cumbie.

Committee on Enrollment—Mrs. T. W. Tinsley, chairman, Mrs. Ida Bell.

Committee on Obituaries—Mrs. O. H. Sanders, Mrs. L. A. Duggan, Mrs. J. C. Stewart, Mrs. R. L. Jenkins, chairman.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. Chas. Baggs, Mrs. J. A. Poindexter, Mrs. Leroy Manry, Mrs. J. G. Black, chairman.

Committee on Nominations—Mrs. L. A. Duggan, Mrs. J. L. Cumbie, Mrs. R. M. Bower, Mrs. M. S. Watts, Mrs. Jim Curry, Mrs. A. K. Hawk, Mrs. L. L. Lyons, Mrs. Nettie Coachman, Miss Gertrude Brown.

In the time given to miscellaneous, talks were made by Mrs. Hash and Mrs. Duggan on many phases of our work, obstacles that had been

overcome and general news given of state and convention work, and some of our beloved officers.

Report of Executive Committee and Report of Enrollment Committee.

Mrs. Hash requested Mrs. Duggan to lead in prayer for Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, who is seriously ill in a hospital in Richmond, Va.

After another song we adjourned until 7:30 o'clock, when the public was invited to hear an address by Dr. Louis B. Warren, of Atlanta. Subject, "Housing Our Homeless Churches." The good sisters of Morgan had a specially prepared musical program which was ably carried through and was heartily enjoyed by all. Bro. J. G. Black introduced Dr. Warren, and helped in every way possible throughout the entire session.

Thursday Morning, October 15th, 1914.

Called to order. Song. Prayer by Bro. Black. The devotional was conducted in an able manner by Mrs. J. L. Cumbie, of Morris.

Mrs. Hash took charge and introduced the speakers in the discussion: Why Missions? Mrs. Duggan led with reasons for missions in our Association. Mrs. Arthur White, in our State and Country. Mr. T. M. Thomas, a returned Missionary to China, told us reasons for missions in foreign lands. Mrs. W. L. Culbertson spoke to us about the Mary P. Willingham School. Then the "factors in our work" were taken up by Mrs. J. L. Jay, who told us of the importance of the work of the District Secretary. Just here we were discomfited, because the rain which had been increasing almost since our arrival, had made it impossible for some of our speakers to arrive and we missed some numbers from a perfectly arranged program.

The minutes of Wednesday's meeting were read and adopted.

Mrs. Hash explained the apportionment card while we waited to see if some more of those on the program would arrive. Mrs. Hash stated that she had failed to find any one who was willing to tell about the Home Department, which is a somewhat untried factor in our Union. It was found that Mrs. Lyons was successfully using this as a factor in the work at Arlington, so she was asked to speak about it. She gave us her report, but said it had been undertaken too recently for her to speak. Mrs. Hash then asked Mrs. Peak to speak of the work in her church, after which speech Mrs. Hash, in a clear and concise manner, explained every detail of this great work. Mrs. Duggan moved that as it seemed impossible to carry out the rest of our previously arranged program on account of the weather, that we finish up all business and adjourn Thursday afternoon. The motion was seconded and carried by a small majority in a rising vote.

Thursday Afternoon 2 O'Clock.

Mrs. Homer Hammock, of Edison, led the devotional. After a song and prayer, Mrs. Hammock read scripture and made an earnest talk. Mrs. L. M. Killingsworth sang a beautiful solo. Secretary read notes of the morning session. After some corrections, they were approved.

Mrs. Hash introduced Mrs. J. G. Black, of Shellman, who led in a Leaders' Conference of Young People's Work.

Miss Alice Ray read a paper on Qualifications for Leader of Y. W. A.

Mrs. Black talked earnestly of interesting the children and parents in the Sunbeam work.

Mrs. Thomas gave us some Methods in S. B. Work.

Mrs. Hash talked on how to interest the children in attendance and freewill giving and the need and worth of variety in teaching.

Miss Iris Ragan read A Call to Georgia Mothers from Georgia Girlhood.

Mrs. W. D. Hammock read a paper on Our Missionary Publications.

The young ladies of Morgan presented some scenes from Training School, which made the work seem very near to us. The body gave a rising vote of thanks to the young ladies for this enjoyable feature.

The chairmen of the committees were ready to report, and the reports were read and adopted.

The officers of the W. M. U. were notified and after a little discussion they accepted.

Mrs. Duggan moved that ten dollars be set aside to pay for minutes, also that we pay for the programs.

It was moved and seconded and motion carried that the Secretary be asked to thank all the newspapers who had helped us in our work by publication of anything pertaining to our work.

Mrs. Killingsworth read the Plan of Work for Another Year.

We then went into a Memorial Service for Miss Emma L. Amos.

Mrs. J. L. Jay sang very sweetly, "Near Home." Mrs. Hash talked lovingly and gently of her connection with Miss Amos, while Mrs. Hash was a student of Bessie Tift, and paid tribute to her life. Mrs. L. P. Taylor read an eloquent tribute to her as friend and co-worker.

Then we had a song, "Lead, Kindly Light," after which Mrs. Miller moved that the body give a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Peak for acting as Secretary pro tem, also Mrs. Arthur White moved that the body give a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. J. L. Jay for her solo and for her splendid work as Secretary of 1st District, she having been transferred to Arlington, which is in the 3rd District. These motions were carried and responded to heartily.

Mrs. Hash then invited Mrs. Peak to read an acrostic poem composed from the letters of the name, "Miss Emma L. Amos," after which we had another song and were dismissed to meet next with the Fort Gaines church.

Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock we listened to a splendid lecture on Missions by Rev. T. M. Thomas. The choir gave us a splendid musical program, and Bro. Thomas was supported with prayers by Bros. Black, Hammock and Culbertson.

MRS. A. G. HASH, Superintendent.

MRS. CHESTER H. PEAK, Secretary Pro Tem.

Superintendent's Report.

New W. M. S. Organized	9
New Sunbeams Organized	5
Deaths in W. M. S.	3
Rallies Attended	4
Societies Visited	7
Postals Written	50
Circular Letters	135
Personal Letters	100
Quarterly Reports Mailed	135
Annual Report Blanks	45
Total Number of W. M. S.	24
Total Number of Y. W. A.	5
Total Number of Sunbeams	15
Total Number of R. A.	2
Societies that Exceeded Apportionment	12
Societies that Met Apportionment	11
Societies that Did Not Reach Apportionment	9
Society on Honor Roll 1; Class A 2; Class B 4; Class C 6; Class D 4.	

Rallies were held during the year at Morris, Fort Gaines, Blakely, Sasser and New Bethel.

Report of Committee on Plan of Work.

We, the Committee on Plan of Work, beg to submit the following suggestions for the coming year:

1. That we adopt as our motto, "Workers together with God," and as our aim, "Every church and every woman in each church in Bethel Association be enlisted in woman's work,"

2. That each Society contribute systematically according to our Baptist Schedule, and that the funds be disbursed promptly according to the apportionment card.

3. That each Society appoint Home Department and Personal Service Committees.

4. That each Society have on its heart the importance of training the young people in Mission work.

5. That we endeavor to place in each Baptist home one or more of our Mission Magazines.

6. That each Society send messengers to its District Rally and the Associational Meetings.

7. That a copy of the Standard of Excellence be furnished each Society.

8. That the report blank be filled out and returned to the District Secretary.

9. That earnest prayer be made at each Society meeting for the Baptist work in general.

MRS. J. A. WHITE,
MRS. T. M. THOMAS,
MRS. J. L. CUMBIE.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, make the following report: During the last Associational year, our Heavenly Father, who is all-wise and all powerful, has called only three members of our Union: Mrs. Will Grubbs, Carnegie, Mrs. Jim Wooten, Shellman, and Mrs. R. E. Cowdrey, of Arlington. They are gone from us, but only to enter upon a higher service for the Master. The loss is great and we are made sad, but know that God doeth all things well.

MRS. L. A. DUGGAN,
MRS. R. L. JENKINS,
MRS. J. R. STEWART,
MRS. O. H. SANDERS.

Report of Fifth District Secretary.

Number of Societies organized two: Mt. Gilead and Vilulah. Both are active and enthusiastic in the Lord's work. Took twelve subscriptions to the Mission Messenger. MRS. W. D. HAMMOCK.

Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. W. H. Joiner, Treasurer, in account with W. M. U. Bethel Ass.	
October 16, 1913. To balance	\$ 8.83
October 18, 1913. To cash collection Shellman meeting	10.75
To check, Shellman W. M. U.	4.00
To check, Cuthbert W. M. U.	8.50
To check, Bluffton W. M. U.	2.70
To check, Fort Gaines W. M. U.	3.00
To check, Blakely W. M. U.	4.00
To check, Morgan W. M. U.	4.00
To check, Edison W. M. U.	1.50
To check, Springvale W. M. U. ....	.45
To check, Sasser W. M. U. ....	.50
To check, Arlington W. M. U.	1.00
To cash, Coleman W. M. U.	3.50
Total	\$52.73
Nov. 18, 1913. By check, W. W. Fleming clerk	\$10.00
Feb. 13, 1914. By check, Mrs. Hash, exp. Ft. Gaines Rally	6.00
May 9, 1914. By check, Mrs. Hash, exp. (in part) to S. B. C.	17.28
Sept. 11, 1914. By check, Mrs. Hash exp. (balance) to S. B. C.	7.72
Oct. 14, 1914. Balance on hand	11.73

\$52.73 \$52.73

Vouchers attached.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. JOINER, Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

We, the Committee on Nominations, suggest the following names as officers for our W. M. U. of Bethel Association for the ensuing year:

Superintendent—Mrs. A. H. Hash, Fort Gaines, Ga.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. B. W. Ellis, Cuthbert, Ga.

Treasurer—Mrs. Homer Joiner, Coleman, Ga.

1st District Secretary—Mrs. W. L. Culbertson, Shellman, Ga.

2nd District Secretary—Mrs. Z. T. Rabun, Morgan, Ga.

3rd District Secretary—Mrs. J. L. Jay, Arlington, Ga.

4th District Secretary—Mrs. C. M. Baggs, Blakely, Ga.

5th District Secretary—Ms. W. D. Hammock, Coleman, Ga.

6th District Secretary—Mrs. L. P. Taylor, Cuthbert, Ga.

7th District Secretary—Mrs. J. L. Cumbie, Morris.

It is left to the pleasure of the Superintendent to select two members to complete the Executive Committee.

We accept the invitation of the Fort Gaines church to meet with them or two days after the second Sunday in October.

MRS. L. A. DUGGAN,

MRS. J. L. CUMBIE,

MRS. R. M. BOWER,

MRS. M. S. WATTS,

MRS. JIM CURRY,

MRS. A. K. HAWK,

MRS. L. L. LYONS,

MRS. NETTIE COACHMAN,

MISS GERTRUDE BROWN.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

By our Father's blessings of life, ideals, courage and health, we have come to the year's close, strengthened by accomplishments, fortified by failures and encouraged by His spirit to further efforts in establishing His kingdom on earth. We, therefore, as a committee, submit the following resolutions:

1. We thank our God and praise His name that His spirit of love has dwelt among us; that we have felt inspired to attempt to do His will on earth as it is done in Heaven.

2. That we thank the good people of Morgan for their generous hospitality that has made us feel so deeply that it is good to dwell together in the love (even for so short a period), that foreshadows that to come when we shall dwell with Him forever.

3. That we thank the people of the community who have labored together with our Morgan W. M. S. in making our Union so thoroughly enjoyable.

4. That our Secretary be requested to express our thanks to all the local papers for the editorials with which they have aided us in our work.

5. That we commend the faithful work of our enthusiastic Superintendent, Mrs. Hash, and bespeak for her during the coming year even better support in work and prayers.

MRS. J. G. BLACK,

MRS. L. C. MANRY.

Constitution and By-Laws of Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Baptist Association.

Preamble.

We, the Women of the Churches connected with the Bethel Association, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among women and children of the churches, and wishing to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards and the W. M. U., organize and adopt the following Constitution:

Article I. Name.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Baptist Association.

Article II. Object.

The two-fold object of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be: 1st. To distribute missionary information and stimulate effort throughout the whole Association. 2nd, To secure the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions.

Article III. Officers.

The officers shall be a President; two Vice Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

Article IV. Annual Meetings.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous Annual Meeting or by the Executive Committee.

Article V. Conduct of Meetings.

Every session of the W. M. U. shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. Superintendent—The Supt. shall preside at the Annual Meeting of the W. M. U. and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; and shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees. She may call special meetings of the Executive Committee when in her judgment needful, or at the request of three members of the Committee.

Art. 2. District Secretary—Dist. Secretaries shall seek to advance the interests of the Union in these communities, and preside at annual meetings in the absence of the Superintendent.

Art. 3. Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate records of the annual and special meetings of the Union; shall notify officers of their election and committees of their appointment and shall perform the other duties usual to her office.

Art. 4. Treasurer—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, as reported to her from different churches or committees, and shall present a

detailed report of all these accounts to each annual meeting. She shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to her office.

Art 5. Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by a nomination from the body of one representative from each district and two from the association at large.

Art. 6. Elections—The officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee on the afternoon of the last day of the meeting.

Art. 7.—The Executive Committee shall hold quarterly meetings for the transaction of business and shall report through its officers at each annual session of the Union.

Art. 8—The By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual meeting.

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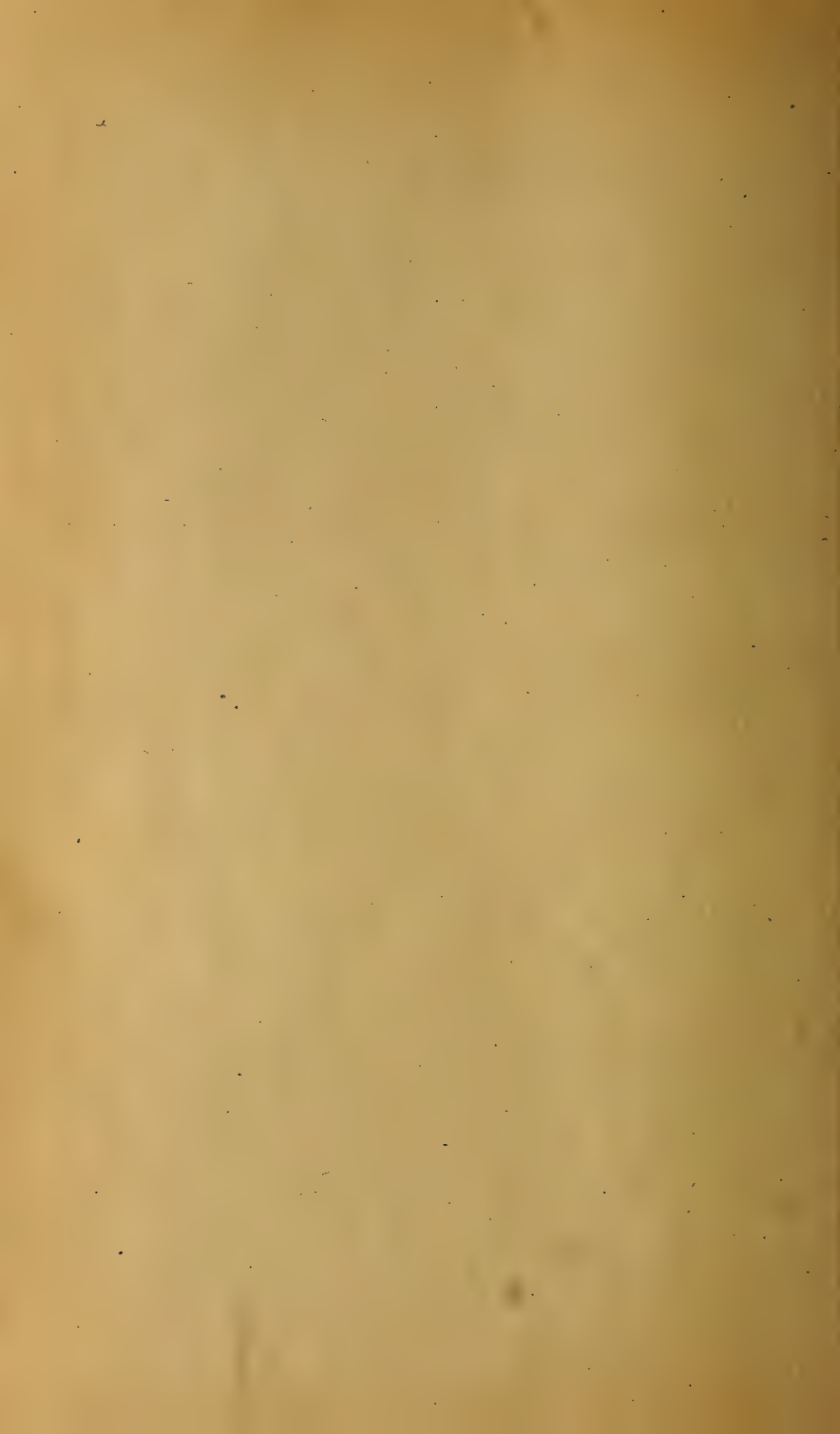
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OFFICERS OF THE BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

A. L. Miller, Moderator	Edison, Ga.
W. W. Fleming, Clerk	Blakely, Ga.
Dan W. Hammock, Treasurer	Coleman, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

B. S. Railey, Chairman	Cuthbert, Ga.
J. G. Black	Shellman, Ga.
T. M. Thomas	Arlington, Ga.
J. A. J. Dumas	Blakely, Ga.
H. N. Massey, Secretary	Fort Gaines, Ga.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The next session of Bethel Association will be held with the First Baptist Church, Fort Gaines, Ga., beginning Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1916.

Doctrinal Sermon, J. A. J. Dumas; alternate, B. S. Railey.

Missionary Sermon, H. N. Massey; alternate, T. M. Thomas.

MINUTES.

Shellman, Randolph county, Ga., October 26, 1915.

The Eighty-Third annual session of Bethel Association met this day with the church at Shellman.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. H. N. Massey.

The doctrinal sermon was preached by Rev. John W. Martin. His subject was "The True Israel of God," and was based upon the 37th chapter of Ezekiel.

Afternoon Session.

Association was called to order by former Moderator at 1:30 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. M. Thomas.

Roll of messengers was called by former clerk.

Roll of Messengers

Antioch—J. O. Griffith, Wm. Moore.

Arlington—T. M. Thomas J. M. Johnson, L. F. Murray.
W. J. Horsley.

Bethany—W. A. White, R. R. Lanier, Will Rooks.

Bethel—J. I. Shirling, C. V. S. Cox.

Beulah—W. R. Hodges.

Blakely—J. A. J. Dumas, J. O. Bridges, W. W. Fleming.

Bluffton—J. E. Mansfield, W. T. Hammack.

Carnegie—Nelson Fellows, O. H. Sanders, E. D. Culbreth.

Coleman—D. W. Hammack, Joe Ray, W. H. Joyner, C. A. Brown.

Colomokee—J. G. Corley J. M. Balkcom, W. H. Trippe,
G. W. Watson.

Cuthbert—B. S. Railey, J. W. Stanford, C. B. King, A. P. Hatcher, L. A. Duggan.

Damascus (Early)—Not represented.

Damascus (Randolph)—J. T. Peak, W. L. Grubbs, Ellwood Peak, Willie Sandlin, Julian Shepherd.

Dover—Not represented.

Edison—A. L. Miller, J. R. Strickland, J. O. Exum, V. L. McTyer.

Elam—J. W. Sauls, J. T. Stewart S. S. Sauls, J. H. Johnson.

Enon—W. T. Moore, I. L. Balkcom, W. H. Roberts, J. P. Tye.

Enterprise—R. G. Smith, J. T. Richardson, Earl Lee.

Fort Gaines—B. M. Turnipseed, J. G. Brown, E. J. Hobbs, H. N. Massey, W. L. Paullin.

Friendship—J. A. Martin, J. W. Bone, J. T. Faircloth, T. J. Melton.

Georgetown—H. M. Kaigler, J. H. Wood, D. W. Joiner, W. C. Franklin.

Herod—D. J. Dennis, H. F. Melton, H. P. Hass, J. H. McLendon.

Hillside—Represented by letter.

Hilton—T. M. Mathews, O. E. Hall.

Leary—H. M. Langston, R. M. Jordan, L. S. Jones.

Midway—M. A. Lokey, C. M. Lokey.

Milford—W. B. Morris, Eddie Bridges.

Morgan—C. J. Taylor, B. L. Bridges, R. E. McDaniel, C. W. Davis, Tom Merritt.

Morris—R. A. J. Boyett, J. V. Boyett, J. L. Cumbie.

Mt. Gilead—F. G. Hartley, C. C. Crozier, C. L. Jester.

Mt. Hebron—A. W. Martin, Claud Dawson, Oscar Settles, Hubert Nichols, J. B. Watson.

Mt. Vernon—N. H. Engram, Travis Findley, Charlie Pierce.

Mt. Zion—Represented by letter.

New Bethel—J. M. Taylor, M. C. Engram.

New Hope—J. J. McLendon, Sr., J. A. J. Sheffield, H. H. Holley, Jim Watson, C. M. Mock.

Pine View—Russell Ragan, Joe Turner, Dr. W. O. Shepard.

Providence—No delegates.

Rehoboth—G. W. Bell, J. E. Lanier, J. E. Lanier, Jr., O. H. Callaway, L. A. Joiner.

Salem—M. L. Holloway, D. B. Clements, J. M. Isler, T. O. Lawrence, W. E. Tanner.

Sasser—R. M. Anthony, J. M. Varner, J. C. McLendon, R. J. Grier.

Shellman—C. P. Payne, James M. Wooten, J. H. Ware, John Martin, John G. Black.

Shiloh—J. A. Shepherd, R. C. Crozier.

Sowhatchee—E. T. Dawson, J. M. Lane.

Springvale—J. N. Masee, J. D. Oliver, W. M. Ledden.

Vilulah—J. T. Roberts, Floyd Joiner.

Permanent organization was effected by re-electing A. L. Miller Moderator and W. W. Fleming Clerk.

Order of business as prepared and printed by the Executive Committee was on motion adopted as the regular order of business.

Called for correspondents and visitors. The following were announced: Rev. J. I. Quattlebaum, of Columbia, Ala., Association; Rev. A. C. Wellons, of Friendship Association; Rev. T. M. Calloway; Rev. W. H. Norton, of Rehoboth Association; Rev. H. L. Crumbley, of Summerhill Association; Rev. P. C. Barkley, representing Christian Index; Rev. J. I. D. Miller,

Rev. W. A. Talliaferro, representing Judson Centennial fund; J. M. Long, Superintendent of Georgia Baptist Hospital.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Finance—A. P. Hatcher V. L. McTyre, T. O. Lawrence.

On Nominations—J. W. Stanford, I. A. Martin, J. N. Watts.

On Digest of Letters—R. G. Smith, J. M. Johnson, L. F. Murray.

Called for report on Denominational Literature. Chairman E. T. Dawson asked leave to send in written report to be printed in the minutes. (Doc. No. 1.)

On motion, Bro. Dawson was allowed to speak a few minutes in behalf of Sowhatchee church. A collection amounting to \$28.05 was received.

On motion, discussed the question of Denominational Literature. Discussion was opened by Bro. P. C. Barkley, followed by Dr. J. W. Stanford and Rev. B. S. Railey.

Called for report on Ministerial Relief. Read by Bro. J. N. Massee. (Document No. 2.) Spoken to by J. N. Massee, W. H. Norton, W. A. Talliaferro, J. G. Black, H. L. Crumbley and A. C. Wellons. On motion report was adopted.

Tuesday Evening Session.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Eden.

Called for report of Committee on Education. Report read by Bro. R. G. Smith in absence of Bro. J. M. Taylor, chairman of the committee. (Document No. 3.) Spoken to by T. W. Calloway, H. L. Driscoll and W. H. Norton. Report adopted.

Wednesday Morning Session.

Devotional services were led by Rev. W. W. Mabry.

Called for correspondents and visitors. The following were announced: W. W. Mabry of Summerhill Association; Rev. J. F. Eden, of Summerhill Association; Rev. J. B. Holley, of Rehoboth Association; Dr. Arch C. Cree, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the State Mission Board.

Called for report on Sunday Schools. Read by Rev. J. G. Black. (Document No. 4.) Spoken to by J. G. Black. Report adopted.

Called for report on State Missions. Read by B. S. Railey. (Document No. 5.) Report adopted.

Called for report on Home Missions. Read by J. W. Martin. (Doc. No. 6.) Report adopted.

Called for report on Foreign Missions. Read by T. M.

Thomas. (Doc. No. 7.) Spoken to by Bro. T. M. Thomas and Rev. W. A. Talliaferro.

The 11 o'clock preaching hour was devoted to an address by Dr. A. C. Cree on the great cause of missions. A collection of \$34.45 was taken for State Missions to help "Redeem Georgia."

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Devotional services were led by Rev. J. A. J. Dumas.

Report of the Treasurer was read and referred to Auditing Committee. (See Doc. 8.)

On motion Bro. Dan W. Hammock was re-elected as Treasurer of the Association.

Called for report on Laymen's Movement. Read by Dr. J. W. Stanford. (Doc. No. 9.) Spoken to by H. L. Driscoll. Report adopted.

Called for report on Orphan's Home. Read by the Clerk for the committee. Report adopted. (Doc. No. 10.)

Called for report of Auditing Committee. Report adopted.

Called for report on Nominations. Read by Dr. J. W. Stanford. (Doc. No. 11.)

By unanimous consent, the report of the Executive Committee was read by Chairman B. S. Railey. (Doc. No. 12.) Spoken to by B. S. Railey, J. W. Stanford and D. W. Hammock. Report adopted.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was extended to the committee for its splendid work during the past year.

Wednesday Evening Session.

Devotional led by Rev. H. L. Driscoll.

Called for report on Local Church Auxiliaries. Report on Woman's Work read by J. W. Sauls. (Doc. No. 13.) Spoken to by J. W. Sauls, B. S. Railey, W. R. Hodges, T. M. Thomas, A. C. Wellons. Report adopted.

Thursday Morning Session.

Devotional exercises led by Bro. J. H. Harris.

Called for report of Trustees of Bethel College. Read by J. W. Stanford. (Doc. No. 14.) Discussed by the Moderator and J. W. Stanford. Report adopted.

Called for report of Committee on Digest of Letters and State of Churches. Read by Bro. R. G. Smith. (Doc. 15.) Discussed by Bro. R. G. Smith, B. S. Railey, J. W. Martin, W. H. Norton, J. M. Taylor J. N. Massee, J. G. Black, J. A. J. Dumas and D. W. Hammock. Report adopted.

Called for report on Temperance. Read by Rev. H. N. Massey. (Doc. No. 16.) Spoken to by H. N. Massey, D. W.

Hammock, J. W. Stanford and J. N. Massee. Report adopted.

Called for report on Obituaries. Read by the Clerk in absence of Chairman Duggan. (Doc. 17.) Report adopted.

Committee on Time and Place for next session reported as follows: Your Committee on Time and Place of the next session beg to submit the following report: The time, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1916; the place, Fort Gaines. Respectfully,

JOHN G. BLACK,
J. W. STANFORD,
A. P. HATCHER.

Report adopted and the 1916 session of the Association will meet with the church at Fort Gaines.

Appointed the following standing committees:

Standing Committees.

Home Missions—J. G. Corley, J. M. Balkcom, W. W. Fleming.

State Missions—J. A. J. Dumas, J. E. Mansfield, W. T. Hammack.

Foreign Missions—B. S. Railey, A. P. Hatcher, L. A. Duggan.

Sunday Schools—J. G. Black, C. P. Payne, John Martin.

Temperance—J. W. Sauls, C. J. Taylor, S. S. Sauls.

Orphans' Home—J. W. Martin, J. J. McLendon, H. H. Holley.

Education—H. N. Massey, B. M. Turnipseed, J. G. Brown.

Denominational Literature—L. A. Duggan, W. H. Joiner, C. A. Brown.

Ministerial Relief—J. M. Taylor, V. L. McTyre, Jas. K. Strickland.

Woman's Work—T. M. Thomas, J. M. Johnson, L. F. Murray.

Obituaries—J. N. Massee, W. M. Ladden, Nelson Fellows.

Auditing Committee—R. G. Smith, V. L. McTyre, T. O. Lawrence.

Time and Place—C. J. Taylor, J. W. Stanford, R. M. Jordan.

Called for report of Finance Committee. Read by Bro. A. P. Hatcher.

Finance Committee's Report.

We, the Finance Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

State Missions	\$62.50
Home Missions	11.51
Foreign Missions	9.65
Orphans' Home	15.35

Ministerial Relief	5.00
Georgia Baptist Hospital	1.00
Ministerial Education	2.50
Clerk and Minutes	75.75
Association .....	.75

Total \$184.01

A. P. HATCHER,
V. L. McTYER,
T. O. LAWRENCE.

Committee.

Report adopted with an amendment appropriating \$1.50 to pay for programs used at present session.

On motion \$25 was appropriated for the payment of the Clerk and the balance of the funds sent up for Clerk and Minutes was appropriated for minutes.

The following resolution of appreciation was offered by Rev. T. M. Thomas and adopted by a rising vote:

Appreciation.

In view of the cordial reception, the many courtesies, the gracious and royal entertainment accorded the messengers and visitors in attendance upon the eighty-third annual session of the Bethel Association by the good people of Shellman, whose bountiful hospitality has been so admirably manifested on this occasion; we hereby extend our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation. When we are gone we shall look back to these gracious hours spent with you as the most refreshing, tender and fragrant in all our lives, the memory of which will always linger. May God's blessings be upon you and his presence richly reward the saints of Shellman, together with their good pastor and his noble wife, for such kind treatment at their hands.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. THOMAS.

Association adjourned in order, and was closed with a sermon at the 11 o'clock hour by Rev. J. A. J. Dum'as.

A. L. MILLER, Moderator.

W. W. FLEMING, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Document No. 2.

Report on Ministerial Relief.

Denominations besides our own in Georgia remember gratefully and generously their veterans. The time has arrived in our religious thought when our veterans must be given their rightful place. The Baptists pay beneficiaries of the relief fund

from five to ten dollars per month. We have forty-two ministers and twenty-six widows who receive aid from the State Board. Our minutes have a schedule that during the month of July a collection be taken for this cause. We recommend our pastors and churches bear in mind the importance of this July collection.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. MASSEE,

JOE RAY,

C. A. BROWN.

Document No. 3.

Report of the Committee on Education.

Among the first attempts by Georgia Baptists toward higher education was that under the leadership of Jesse Mercer more than eighty years ago. At that time the "Old School," or Primitive Baptists, were much opposed to education of all kinds, religious or secular. This caused a division in the denomination and the branch which we now know as "Missionary Baptists" established Mercer University at Penfield in honor of a gentleman from Savannah who gave \$2,500 towards the institution. Later it was transferred to Macon and is now at the head of the Mercer system of schools. Today Mercer University has more than 300 students and property worth \$700,000. Its President is Dr. W. L. Pickard, and he and the faculty and the institution need the sympathy and cooperation of all members of the denomination in aiding this the first and greatest educational institution owned by the denomination in Georgia.

Bessie Tift College, for young women, has a new President, J. H. Foster. This College has suffered for months past by reason of a large debt amounting to \$80,000. However, the building and grounds are worth three times this sum and the faculty and trustees earnestly hope that the friends of the institution will rally to its support and relieve it from embarrassment.

Besides these two colleges, there are other private institutions like Shorter at Rome, Cox College at College Park Southern Female College at LaGrange, which are under Baptist auspices, although they are not the property of the Convention. These institutions are doing successful work and enjoying a large measure of prosperity.

The secondary schools which have been created under Baptist leaders are well worthy of the support of the denomination. Among these are the Norman Park Institute, Brewton-Parker Institute, Locust Grove Institute, Bunn-Belle Institute, Hiaswassee and Blairsville and others.

Norman Park has been fostered largely through the generous kindness of Mr. J. B. Norman, for whom it is named. It

is one of the best of the high schools of South Georgia, and together with Brewton-Parker Institute, has always had a high place in the affections of the people. Many of us have patronized these two institutions and know of their value from personal experience. We need to stir up a sentiment that will give a liberal patronage to these schools and to foster a liberality that will make them the best in the South. They have nearly all gone beyond their strength through pride of leadership which induced them to stand among the highest and best.

In particular is there constant and pressing need for contributions to ministerial education. This fund should be included in the financial plans of our churches and should have the hearty support of members everywhere.

Boys and girls trained under teachers who are not only capable intellectually, but consecrated spiritually, will be given a much better preparation for this life as well as the one to come and it is the duty of every Baptist to help, both by patronage and contribution these centers of light among us.

J. M. TAYLOR, Chairman,
R. G. SMITH.
J. E. MANSFIELD.

Document No. 4.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Your committee on Sunday Schools begs to submit the following report: A perusal of the letters sent up by the churches to this Association reveals the following facts concerning the state of our Sunday School work: Number of schools, 32 out of 41 churches reporting. In these schools 245 officers and teachers are engaged in the church's work of teaching. There is an enrollment of 2179, with an average attendance of 1552. As compared with last year, this is a gain of one school, 25 officers, 158 in enrollment and, best of all, 275 in average attendance. This is encouraging when it is remembered that at least two of the non-reporting churches had schools last year. But a comparison of the two years grows more encouraging when we enter the realm of finances. There has been an increase of \$234.05 in home expenditures, and of \$168.02 in benevolences. The comparison is still more encouraging in that as over against 89 baptisms from the schools last year, there have been this year 148. We note also that whereas there were no standard school last year, there are this year three A-1 and two Red Seal Schools. The A-1 Schools are Arlington, Cuthbert and Shellman; the Red Seal, Morgan and Herod.

To the minds of your committee these comparisons are indeed encouraging. They reveal a growth of Sunday school

thought and purpose in our Association. We would recommend that the Sunday school forces keep up their enthusiasm work constantly toward the Standard of A-1 Excellence, and lay emphasis on efficient work, both in management and teaching.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. BLACK,
M. C. SHEFFIELD,
W. B. EDWARDS, Committee.

Document No. 5.

Report on State Missions.

State Missions had its inception in the broad co-operative plan of work. This was expressed in the associational idea: churches bound together by the spirit of love, thus increasing their workable strength and broadening their field of usefulness. Verily God led our forefathers in the democratic associational idea, broadening into the General Association of Virginia, the Tri-ennial Convention, into the present organized plan of work.

The State Mission Board is composed of twenty-five men, elected annually. They receive no pay for services rendered, but contribute very largely to the work of the State. State missions is at the base, it is fundamental and when it suffers, all other interests suffer. Many of our states are not specially emphasizing state missions and their progress and growth are not in keeping with the states that are caring for state interests.

Sunday School Work—State Missions supports Sunday School work in the state, and during the last ten years marked progress has been made. Ten years ago we had fewer than eighty thousand pupils enrolled in the state; today we have more than two hundred thousand. The increase in number of schools for this same period have more than six hundred.

B. Y. P. U. Work—In the short period of two years we have grown from fifty to two hundred and fifty Senior Unions. In the Junior department we had only four organizations two years ago and now we have over fifty. About ten thousand young people in this department of church work are now enrolled preparing for church efficiency.

State Evangelism—State evangelism has a large place in our church progress and life. The State Board in fostering this work is meeting a long felt need and is reaping a rich harvest. Last year the evangelists working under the Board preached 2,500 sermons and gave us an increase in membership of 2,500. We feel that every pastor in the state ought to co-operate with the Board in putting out and keeping the best talent of our ministry in this work.

Woman's Work—Woman's Work is fostered by the State

Board and this verily is one of the live departments of our state work. To take from our state denominational work the activity, prayers, sacrifices and money contributed by our noble women would very largely hinder us in our progressive lines of endeavor. This is becoming one of our liveliest factors in state denominational life.

We have not the space to give worthy attention to the work of the State Board as they care for the aged and infirm ministers, the training of the young preacher, both in college and the seminary, and stand between the denomination and the hungry orphan. The State is the pinnacle on which we stand and breathe the Christ love and catch the Christ vision of a lost world and see a world need. We begin at Jerusalem and travel on into a world outlook. So the State Board with argus eyes and ears unstopped see and hear the cry for help from both the Home and Foreign Boards. They are often humiliated when they can not respond to these worthy fields for lack of funds.

Assistance Given Last Year—Two hundred churches received aid last year to the amount of twenty thousand dollars. Many of these churches had waited several years because funds were not adequate to the demands. The result of this assistance, several thousand were added to the church membership. Seventy churches asked for help and to the humiliation of the Board, no assistance was given. No wonder our State Secretary has been stirred to the sowing down of our grand old State in literature, "Redeem Georgia."

The Situation—We have not the latest news from the office and can not say as to whether or not the State debt will be paid ere the coming together of the State Convention. Seventy thousand dollars in round numbers has been our task, some have been, yes many have been faithful, and we have reasons to believe that the debt will be greatly reduced.

Truly and reasonably our Secretary has said, "God's call rings clear to 2,400 Baptist churches, and in round numbers 300,000 thousand Baptists." It is not only reasonable that we should pay the debt, but we can and must place the money in his hands to begin the planning of the work in Georgia on a much larger scale. God expects it of us, it must be done. May the Christ spirit of complete co-operation travel from association to association, from church to church, from church member to church member until we shall stand as one solid phalanx, each doing his part to "Redeem" Georgia" and fully carry out the great commission of the Lord. Respectfully submitted,

B. S. RAILEY, Chairman.

Document No. 6.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your committee begs to submit the following report: Home Missions means missions in the United States. The work is divided into two parts, known as the Northern Baptists and the Southern Baptists, which meet at the Mason and Dixon Line. The Southern Baptists have a Board located at Atlanta, Ga., which looks after the mission business in the South. They receive all mission money sent to them for that purpose and distribute the same to such place as they see fit. Our forefathers thought that such a work would be good and it has proven to be. Paul said that he pressed towards the mark of the high calling and in like manner we have got to press our claims in the name of our Lord and Christ. There are many things to confront us; the wicked and ungodly are denying that there is a God; there are others who claim that there is a God but have endeavored to so construe the Scriptures as to make it suit their own lust and fancy. There must be some one to teach and preach the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus. We love our Home Field and if we would occupy it, we must fill it up with churches and preach and teach in them. It will take thousands of money and workers to establish the work and maintain it. We would like to see the day when every Missionary Baptist on the Home Field would be willing to sacrifice something for the Lord's cause. We are about ten thousand dollars behind last year, and may the Lord help us to educate our people to more liberal giving, that more people may be saved and that God may be more glorified.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MARTIN, Chairman.

Document No. 7.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Georgia Baptists stood at the head of all the Southern States in her gifts to foreign missions for a number of years, reaching the banner year in 1912, till last year she took third place in the rank of the States.

On the other hand, the Bethel Association has continued to climb in gifts to foreign missions, the last report showing the largest contributions to this cause in its history, not including special gifts.

Let us turn now and take the larger view of the work by making some comparisons of what has been done in the foreign field. Last year there was 67 per cent more baptisms on the foreign field than the total number of members on all the foreign fields, after Southern Baptists had been at work for fifty years. The question then may be rightly asked, why is it that greater

results were shown last year than the first fifty years of foreign mission work by Southern Baptists? This is explained in no little degree from the fact that the past two decades, following the first fifty years of mission work, witnessed the introduction of methods in the work that had not been used previously, viz: mission schools, publication plants, hospitals and medical dispensaries. Such methods of mission work referred to were not used, scarcely at all, during the first half century of foreign mission work by Southern Baptists.

Shall we not uphold and liberally support a work that can accomplish more in one year than was accomplished in fifty years? Indeed it seems that the eyes of Southern Baptists at last were opened to the fact that these are the self same methods that the Savior himself used. For did he not go about over the country teaching, healing and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom?

In our schools the native Christians are trained for service among their own people, at the same time these schools become centers of evangelization. It is a fact that if a foreign country is ever won for Christ it must be done largely through the natives themselves. The foreign missionary therefore can multiply himself many times by giving his time to the training of the native converts for service. This holds true even in our own land.

Our hospitals, also, become a very fruitful source of evangelism. When we understand that in heathen countries the people know nothing of the modern treatment and cure of diseases, then we can realize the necessity of this work in reaching the people. After pain is soothed and disease banished by modern treatment, then our medical missionaries and native Christian physicians can bring the message of the great Physician straight home to the sin sick soul, when before, this blessing of healing was brought to them they could not be reached. Did not our Master Himself find His way straight home to the hearts of the people by reaching out His hand to heal?

It might be well then for us to notice some statistics in connection with this glorious work. On the foreign fields we have 337 day schools with 34 boarding schools and 2 institutions of college grade. Also we have ten theological seminaries where the Christian men who have yielded themselves to the Lord to preach, can be equipped for their life's work. The native Christian women are also taught, in five training schools, a knowledge of the Bible, so as to become efficient "Bible women" or trained workers for carrying the gospel to their own sex.

We have 13 medical missionaries and 8 hospitals, with 11 medical dispensaries. In these hospitals and medical dispensar-

ies there were over 56,000 patients treated the past year.

It is, therefore, a great source of regret that our Foreign Mission Board is in debt, in view of the great and glorious work being done. With over two and a half million Southern Baptists, an average of fifty cents per member per year would mean a million and a quarter dollars for this work. As it is, we only gave last year an average of about 22 cents per member.

The Home Base—It would seem then that the great work to be done, now, is to enlist our own people at home in fully carrying out the marching orders of our Lord as laid down in the great commission. This can be done as has been attempted with no little degree of success by the Home Department of the Foreign Mission Board and our own State Mission Board. And following out this idea of the enlistment of the churches, it has been undertaken in our Association with bright hopes of success in the future. And it might not be out of place to commend this work to our churches, as has been undertaken by the Executive Committee during the past year. And we earnestly ask the co-operation of all our churches in the church to church campaigns undertaken in the Association, the appointment of mission committees in each church for the purpose of making an every member canvass in every church.

Also as a means of quickening interest, and therefore enlisting the organization of Mission Study Classes in all our churches, the reading and study of mission literature that can be had cheaply from our Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, together with the reading of the Foreign Mission Journal.

Let's notice, in conclusion, briefly the reaction of the foreign mission enterprise on the home churches. For instance, the campaign by Southern Baptists to raise the Judson Centennial Fund of a million and a quarter dollars, with which to better equip our work on the foreign field has been rapidly followed all over the south by increased activity in raising funds to better equip and strengthen our educational and benevolent institutions. Over one million of this fund is already provided for and the goal is in sight. The campaign must close May 1, 1916. Let us all have part in these months that remain in completing this great enterprise.

New zeal and impetus has been quickened in almost every phase of the work at home by our foreign mission endeavor. Is it not then as the blessed Master has said, "Give and it shall be given unto you." "Go ye into all the world," etc. and "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

If we fail to go or to give to send others who are pleading to go, we shall fail to receive, and fail to have the presence of our blessed Master with us. T. M. THOMAS, Chairman.

Document No. 8.

Report of Treasurer.

1914. Oct. 29	By amt. turned over by Fin. Com.	\$156.97
Nov. 5	To Clerk Fee and Minutes	\$74.50
Nov. 6	To Secretary and Treasurer ..	82.47

\$156.97 \$156.97

DAN W. HAMMOCK, Treasurer.

Treasurer's report and vouchers examined and found correct by your Auditing Committee.

R. G. SMITH Chairman,

L. A. DUGGAN, Aud. Coml.

Document No. 9.

Report on Laymen's Movement.

One of the hindrances to the progress of world-wide evangelization, and the ushering in of the kingdom of our Lord, is the indifference of our laymen. The larger part of them act as though they had no part in the great work. The spirit of commercialism has taken hold of them so completely that they appear more interested in chasing the dollars than in aiding the work of our Lord and Master. This may be the result of several causes, one of which is the mercenary spirit prevailing in all the departments of our church life.

The tendency of the teaching and preaching, in this day and time is too largely, that, the chief aim of Christian service is to develop more largely the spirit of giving, as though our Lord was a pauper and we were taking up a collection to keep Him and the angels from starving. The teaching that obedience is better than giving is too largely a thing of the past.

I would not lay less stress on the grace of giving, far be it, but rather more on the grace of obedient service, which takes in and includes the grace of giving. No department of church work can prosper as it should without money. And you can easily know the spiritual condition of any church by ascertaining the condition of its treasury. When Paul's instructions "to let the grace of liberality the more to abound among you" are obeyed, then the treasury will be full and the grace of loving service will flow in every heart and life.

One of the greatest needs of the churches today is the development of its laymen to a greater and broader service. It was Paul who said "These things I commit to faithful men." It used to be that the prayer meetings were the church meetings, led by the members appointed from week to week, and in that way the laymen were developed, the pastor taking his time with the others. But now it is the preacher's meeting, who lec-

tures to a handful of the faithful, and empty benches, and the laymen are called on for often contributions and occasional prayers. This is about the extent of the opportunity given them for developing their gifts.

We feel that there is no greater work, and none more sadly needed, within the bounds of our Association than the development of our laymen. To that end, we recommend that this matter be placed in the hands, and made a part of the duties, of the Executive Committee. And that they be requested to give this a prominent place in the coming year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman.

Document No. 10.

Report on Orphans' Home.

We, your committee, beg to report the following concerning our Orphans' Home: It comprises at present about 70 acres of land (about 50 in cultivation), nice school, infirmary, laundry, barns, etc., valued at about \$250,000, all paid except about \$500.

There are about 250 children, three-fourths of them from 3 to 12 years old, the others from 12 to 17 years. Every child is either in school or doing kindergarten work. The larger boys do all the farm work under the supervision of a capable farmer, and produce various food products needed in the home's kitchen throughout the year. The girls help with the cooking and house work in general.

For two years a class in telegraphy was conducted by a competent instructor, under whose direction about 15 graduates were turned out and were readily given employment by companies needing their services. Your committee is indeed sorry to report that this class has been discontinued by order of the Executive Board for lack of funds to support it; thus has the usefulness of the Home along the line of fitting the children, turned out as men and women, for some specific profession, been seriously impaired. The Home has cared for about 800 children since its organization.

Its present current expenses are around \$3,000 per month, and for the past few months the usual contributions have fallen off out of all proportion to any possible reduction in the expense account, and besides causing the manager embarrassment at being unable to meet his obligations when due, has caused him to call very urgently upon Georgia Baptists for some system of **regular financial support**; and furthermore, has caused the committee on maintenance to advise the managers to receive no more orphans until the Home is relieved of its present financial embarrassment.

The committee wishes to make special mention of the manner in which the children are cared for in the Home. Every child old enough is in school under the competent supervision and guidance of four teachers. On Sunday the children all attend their Sunday school, preaching services and the various little societies for little Christians. The children are being brought up under the very best possible sanitary conditions and a physician's services are very rarely necessary.

The committee wishes to express their sincere appreciation of the way the Home is conducted, and pray that God's blessings may continue with the Superintendent and his large family of 250 children. Respectfully submitted,

J. G. CORLEY, Chairman.

Document No. 11.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Doctrinal Sermon—J. A. J. Dumas; alternate, B. S. Railey.

Missionary Sermon—H. N. Massey; alternate, T. M. Thomas.

Delegates to State Convention—J. G. Black, B. S. Railey, J. W. Martin, T. M. Thomas, J. W. Stanford J. A. J. Dumas, H. N. Massey, D. W. Hammock, W. R. Curry, R. B. Martin, Henry Turner.

Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention—J. G. Black; alternate, T. M. Thomas.

Executive Committee—J. G. Black, T. M. Thomas, B. S. Railey, J. A. J. Dumas, H. N. Massey.

J. W. STANFORD,

J. N. WATTS

J. A. MARTIN, Committee.

Document No. 12.

Report of Executive Committee of Bethel Association.

Your committee the past year, realizing that in the "Great Commission" are contained the marching orders for the Lord's people, endeavored to act upon its directions. We must evangelize and baptize, but we must not forget, also, to "educationize." These directions come in their order. And our people who have been evangelized and baptized must be taught the observance of "all things" whatsoever our Lord has commanded.

The first great duty, therefore, of the disciples of our Lord is to make disciples of the nations. Each follower of Christ is therefore to become a channel through which the knowledge of His saving grace is to be made known to the world. As an aid to the inspiration of our people in this great task, Christ laid out for His followers a knowledge of the "field" is also necessary,

the knowledge of conditions on the field, including needs and opportunities as well as successes already won. Did He not say to the disciples to "Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields already white unto the harvest?"

Our Lord knew the importance of the "eye," through which a knowledge of the "fields" might be had. It is said by those who are supposed to know that eighty-five per cent. of all we learn comes through the eye. Realizing that our people could not personally "look upon the fields," in which Southern Baptists are doing work in the world in carrying out the great commission, but that something of this work could be seen by means of stereopticon lectures, in the use of which illustrated lectures were given, were shown at a number of our churches. These lectures were followed up by the discussion of subjects calculated to revive and quicken interest in all the work fostered by our churches. Pursuing this work a number of rallies were held in almost every district of the Association, in which undertaking the committee was greatly aided by the W. M. U. of the Association.

At a meeting of the committee at Cuthbert on January 25th it was decided to buy a stereopticon, by which means the illustrated lectures were given as outlined above. The committee, however, found itself without means to buy the machine, or to meet the necessary expenses involved in connection with its work. The chairman of the committee, however, agreed to furnish sufficient funds to help meet initial payment on the stereopticon, as the appended financial statement will show. Also the W. M. U. agreed to help in the purchase of the machine. Having thus a start, the committee went ahead and bought the stereopticon, and commenced work, depending on the churches to back them up in the work. It will be noticed, however, that the amount of the loan made the committee is still due, sufficient funds having come in from several of the churches, in addition to voluntary offerings taken where lectures were given, to meet the incidental expenses, of the lectures, and meet the balance due on the machine, in addition to the amount due the chairman of the committee, which indebtedness should at once be met. See financial statement below.

An invitation was extended to Dr. Cree, our Corresponding Secretary, to meet with the committee at Arlington, on July 15, to which Dr. Cree responded. The pastors of the Association, together with the leading laymen of the Association, were invited to be present to meet with our Secretary, Dr. Cree, to which invitation a number of the pastors and laymen responded. At the above meeting with Dr. Cree a plan of work was outlined, by which it was hoped that every church in the Associa-

tion might be reached in the interest of State Missions, which plan has been largely carried out.

The following recommendations, to the body now in session were passed at a meeting of the committee at Cuthbert on September 27th:

"First: The committee recommends the appointment of a general Associational field worker.

"Second: That the churches be called upon for funds, in co-operation with the State Board of Missions, to provide sufficient salary to employ said Associational worker for his whole time, provided a suitable man, in the judgment of the executive committee, can be obtained for this work.

"Third: That in case such a man can not be obtained, the churches be asked to take collections for Associational missions, in order to meet the necessary expense funds of the executive committee in carrying forward mission work within our bounds."

The appropriation of the following funds to ministerial students was authorized by the committee, at a meeting at Arlington September 1st:

To Joe Bone for exp. for school year at Locust Grove	\$125.00
To Fillmore Bone for exp. for school year at Mercer	50.00
To Oscar Brewer for exp. for school year at Mercer	50.00

\$225.00

The following is the financial statement of the Treasurer of the Committee:

Cash received from L. A. Duggan, Treasurer	\$ 5.00
Cash received from H. O. Fowler, Treasurer	1.40
Cash received from churches stereopticon	15.00
Cash received from W. M. U., stereopticon	10.00
Cash received from B. S. Railey, loan	21.50
Cash for stereopticon lectures	20.85
Total	\$73.75
By cash, cost of stereopticon	\$55.00
By cash, express on stereopticon	2.85
By cash, for screen and incidentals	1.15
Express on four sets slides and return	3.13
By cash, traveling expenses, T. M. T., to deliver 10 stereopticon lectures	5.57
By cash, gas tank refilled twice	2.00
By cash, B. S. Railey	4.05
Total	\$73.75

Balance due B. S. Railey \$17.45.

T. M. THOMAS, Sec.-Treasurer.

Document No. 13.

Report on Woman's Work.

Your committee submits the following report:

The Woman's Mission Work dates back over 1900 years, when the Galilean Society of women ministered unto Christ of their substance.

The women are still engaged in the grandest and greatest undertakings, that of aiding in the ushering in of the coming of Christ's kingdom. Would that we had time and space to rehearse all the early history of woman's organized work, but we have not. We pass on to the work of the women within the bounds of this association.

About fifteen years ago the women organized societies thus preparing themselves for definite endeavor along the lines of stimulating the missionary spirit and grace of giving among the women and children of the churches and aiding in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be distributed by the Board of the Georgia Baptist Convention. The results have been marvelous—twenty-six churches out of the forty six have organizations with a total number of forty-eight societies, six of which were organized the past year. The work grows more complete each year.

As to Education—Believing that information begets inspiration, mission study classes are organized, missionary tracts and booklets are distributed, and the Circulating Library owned by the Georgia W. B. M. U. is sent free upon application. These have proven very helpful factors in the broadening of scope of vision. We have only to use it prayerfully to get closer to Christ in His world plan for a lost world.

As to Contributions—Six years ago the W. M. U. was asked to give one thousand dollars and this year the annual report is nineteen hundred and sixty dollars. These apportionments are met not by high pressure methods, but by systematic giving, week by week, and month by month. This they believe to be the Bible plan and God is prospering them. This apportionment is ever kept before them and during the entire year there is a striving to reach their Standard of Excellence, and to be placed on the Honor Roll. A Bible consciousness of duty and privilege, together with that of loyalty and spirit to one another, stimulates them to this high point of spiritual activity.

Besides the regular work, they have undertaken to raise quite a large amount, known as the Emma L. Amos Memorial Church Building Fund.

As a Force of Inspiration—Behind all the organized Woman's Work must be realized the silent inspirational force. It gives encouragement to the pulpit, training to the youth pray-

erful response to the church, and denominational appeals. No plan is adopted by the women of the Bethel Association without first having sought in prayer the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Their Ideal and Aim is a W. M. U. organization in every church, and every woman and child a member of one of the five grades. This will necessitate the spending of much energy in both prayer and toil, but nothing less should be the ideal of the Bethel Association. We, as your committee, insist that the pastors and laymen of all our churches pledge to them our full co-operation and support in this one of the great works of our Master. With the co-operation of all the pastors and laymen, we fully believe that with the present energetic body of intelligent women workers at our next annual session that we will find organized effort in every church in our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SAULS, Chairman.

Document No. 14.

Report of Trustees of Bethel College.

To the Bethel Association:

The Board of Trustees of Bethel College offer the following report. The City of Cuthbert having, upon legal advice, decided that the purchase of the Bethel College property was not legal, and that the city was not bound for the further payments for the property has returned to your Board of Trustees the deed to said property. The City Council agreed to pay, as rental, the sum of one thousand dollars, in addition to past payments and improvements.

The Board of Education of the City of Cuthbert has rented the building for the current year for three hundred dollars, to be used as a public school building.

The building has been kept in good repair and some substantial improvements have been placed in it by the City of Cuthbert.

The building is insured for three years for \$4,500.00.

On account of continued absence, Bro. T. F. Moody has resigned from the Board and Bro. W. O. Taylor has been elected in his stead.

The Treasurer reports as follows:

To amount on hand last report \$119.50

1914. By check to J. H. Harris \$ 5.00

By various checks to F. A. Bone 60.00

(For which I hold his note.)

1915. Sept. 20 By check to F. A. Bone 17.00

Sept. 20 By check to Oscar Brewer 17.00

Oct. 4 By check to J. A. Bone 17.00

By cash or hand 3.50

\$119.50 \$119.50

As soon as collections are made by the city, we expect to have further funds to lend to those entitled to them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman,
REV. B. S. RAILEY,
REV. J. W. MARTIN,
W. O. TAYLOR,
L. A. DUGGAN Sec.-Treas.

Document No. 15.

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters.

We, your committee on Digest of Letters, beg to submit the following: Out of 42 churches in the association, 32 reported 274 Baptisms, an increase of 71 over the same number last year; of this number 148 are reported from the Sunday schools. We find that of the 42 churches reporting, 10 have no Sunday Schools. We find a very substantial increase in membership of the churches reporting over last year.

R. G. SMITH, Chairman.

Document No. 16.

Report on Temperance.

Although Georgia boasts of a prohibition law, although 18 other States of the Union are nominally dry, we have by no means solved the liquor problem, which is such a menace to our civilization and a stumbling block to Christianity. When the United States has national prohibition, which is probable in the near future, we will still have another serious difficulty to overcome, that of eliminating secret distilleries and private distribution. Is this a problem of the church? Does it concern the interests of the kingdom of God? Yes, for everything which blights hope in the human breast which blasts ideals, which ruins character and destroys the physical, mental or spiritual being of man, demands the earnest attention of the forces of righteousness.

Just how to enlist in this campaign against liquor and its influence is a problem to be solved in the light of local conditions. First, know whether there is any liquor in your community, observe closely, and at the opportune time assist in every possible way the civil authorities to bring the alleged guilty party to justice. This procedure is used by all honest citizens, more or less, but unfortunately, too late. The way to work against intemperance is to never allow. Prevent it instead

of trying to cure it. Have tracts distributed freely, telling of the evils of alcohol, read books showing the great waste it brings in every way, and make a better and larger use of the Temperance Day in the Sunday School. By this training on the part of teacher and parent, a great deal can be done to eliminate this curse from our land. Respectfully submitted

H. N. MASSEY, Chairman.

Document No. 17.

Report on Obituaries.

One by one we're passing over, yet we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father that He has protected us from the "pestilence that walketh in darkness." Truly godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is and of that which is to come. Our churches report, from a constituency of over four thousand souls, the death of only thirty-five—indeed a small proportion. We feel especially thankful that our ministering brethren have been spared to continue their work among us. For those who have fallen asleep, we sorrow not as those who have no hope, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that have fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him."—1st Thess. 4:14.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. DUGGAN, Chairman.

Document No. 1.

Report on Denominational Literature.

Since people are largely governed, and even their morals formed to a great extent by what they read, it, therefore, is of vast importance that we Baptists and other Christians look well to the choosing of the literature that comes into our homes. The secular papers, which to a great extent, have their part in filling the minds of their readers with hostility, should be avoided as much as possible, and their places filled with wholesome Christian literature; therefore, your committee recommends for home reading such literature as the Christian Index, the Home Field, the Foreign Mission Journal, ect. Respectfully submitted,

E. T. DAWSON, Chairman.

(NOTE: The above report reached the Clerk too late for insertion in the minutes at the proper place. CLERK.)

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or error for its matter.

Article 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in divine perfection.

Article 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

Article 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on the principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

Article 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Article 7. We believe the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

Article 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by convention in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that it is only proper to have bishops or pastors and deacons.

Article 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

Article 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

Article 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association may order through her Executive Committee. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed unless suspended for a special object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions when seconded must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or use unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Morning.

- 10 a. m. 1. Devotional Exercises.
 2. Welcome Address.
 3. Response.
- 11 a. m. 4. Doctrinal Sermon.

Afternoon Session.

- 1:30. 1. Devotional Exercises.
 2. Organization. (1) Presentation of Associational Letters, (2) Enrollment of Messengers, (3) Election of Moderator and Clerk.
 3. Adopt Order of Business.
 4. Hear Applications for Membership.
 5. Call for Correspondents and Visitors.
 6. Appoint the Following Committees: (1) Finance, (2) Digest of Letters, (3) Nominations.
 7. Report on Denominational Literature.
 8. Report on Ministerial Relief.

Evening Session.

- 7 30. 1. Devotional Exercises.
 2. Report on Education.
 3. Address.

Wednesday Morning Session.

- 9:00. 1. Devotional Exercises.
 2. Call for Correspondents and Visitors.
 3. Report on Sunday Schools.
- 10:00. 1. Report on State Missions.
 2. Report on Home Missions.
 3. Report on Foreign Missions.
- 11:00. 4. Missionary Sermon.

Afternoon Session.

- 1:30. 1. Devotional Exercises.
 2. Report of Treasurer.
 3. Election of Treasurer.
 4. Report on Laymen's Movement.
 5. Report on Orphans' Home.
 6. Report of Auditing Committee.
 7. Report of Committee on Nominations.

Evening Session.

- 7 30. 1. Devotional Exercises.
 2. Report on Local Church Auxiliaries: (1) On Woman's Work; (2) On B. Y. P. U.
 3. Address.

Thursday Morning Session.

- 9:00. • 1. Devotional Exercises.
 2. Report of Trustees of Bethel College.
 3. Report of Executive Committee.
 4. Report on Digest of Letters and State of Churches.
 5. Report on Temperance.
 6. Report on Obituaries.
 7. Fix Time and Place for Holding Next Session.
 8. Appoint the following standing committees: On Home Missions, State Missions and Foreign Missions, on Sunday Schools, on Temperance, on Orphans' Home, on Education, on Denominational Literature, on Ministerial Relief, on Woman's Work, on Obituaries, on Time and Place, Auditing Committee.
 9. Report of Committee on Finance.
 10. Arrange for printing minutes and paying clerk.
 11. Miscellaneous business.
 12. Adjournment.

Schedule for Churches in the Bethel Association.

(Adopted from "Schedule for Baptists.")

January—Ministerial Education.

February—Home and Foreign Missions

March—Home and Foreign Missions. (Self Denial.)

April—Schools and Colleges. (Training School.)

May—Missions, Margaret Home and S. S. Board.

June—Missions.

July—Ministerial Relief.

August—Missions, Evangelist.

September—State Missions.

October—Orphans' Home.

November—Missions, Frontier Missionary.

December—Missions, Christmas Offering.

Directions for Sending Money.

Collections for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, Schools and Colleges, Orphans' Home should be sent to A. C. Cree, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Atlanta, Ga.

Send collections for printing minutes and paying clerk to Treasurer of your Association.

NOTE—In sending money to A. C. Cree, Secty. and Treasurer, great care should be exercised. If the money is from the church, Sunday School, W. M. S., Y. W. A., Sunbeams or Roy-

al Ambassadors, let it appear so, distinctly. Also let the object or purpose for which the money is contributed be clearly stated. And all of this is next to useless unless the name of the Association is given in the letter in which the money is remitted. Not to give the name of the Association from which the money is sent utterly destroys the plans of the book-keepers in the Board's office where the effort is being made to keep accounts with the Associations.

No funds should ever be sent to the Association which are afterwards to be sent to the Boards.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. G. Corley	Route 1, Blakely, Ga.
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FINANCIAL STATISTICS

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Minutes	Other Objects	Total	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Total membership
.50	\$	\$ 126.50	\$ 4.05	\$	\$	\$	\$	1
2.00	617.64	2110.24	82.10	25.40	31.30	43.43	2.19	1
2.00	8.00	135.00	3.00			2.00		6
.50		101.50	4.90					2
1.50			3.00	.75	.75			9
4.00	938.48	3984.83	223.57	106.43	130.49	170.66	12.48	4
1.00		301.00	19.85	3.69				5
2.00	26.00	228.00	47.37	15.00	20.00	10.00		3
3.00	157.85	465.10	71.32	58.06	58.21	32.97	6.64	4
1.50	10.00	211.50	13.07	13.07	13.08	48.18		
3.00	673.50	2179.00	200.00	278.01	327.98	141.81	22.28	
2.50	40.90	243.40	30.00				2.62	
3.50	17.00	520.50	92.47	81.38	119.78	121.84	11.27	5
2.00	45.60	187.60	10.45	3.10		5.00	2.60	
1.00		151.00	17.50	2.85	2.85			
2.45	69.40	272.85	18.27	2.00	.55	2.33	.6	
3.00	472.20	1096.59	76.84	55.99	107.54	37.48	10.65	
1.50	63.00	239.50	8.10	8.10	8.10	11.25		2
1.50	37.34	245.33	10.30	3.00	4.87	7.00		
1.50		201.50	26.32	14.50	3.40	17.00	2.7	
1.00	7.00	68.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50		5
2.50	40.00	192.50	25.00		16.00			1
1.50		157.50	11.10	3.00	4.00	17.90	2.2	0
2.50	17.75	20.25	1.28			2.10		2
1.50	74.91	256.41	6.25		5.00	10.00		5
1.50	197.47	377.97	36.92	5.00	6.30	1.75	3.1	7
1.50	16.00	142.50	4.52	2.50	1.50	1.00		1
2.00		127.00	5.00	5.00		20.00	3.0	7
1.50	10.57	12.07						7
.50			3.15					
2.00		152.00	29.45	15.00	26.00	25.40		0
3.00	21.50	224.50	18.50	4.41	4.00	19.00	4.	0
1.50		151.50	2.70		1.50	3.75		8
2.00								6
2.00	10.00	112.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	16.00		7
3.00	3.00	339.12	15.00			5.29		5
2.00	47.89	49.89	22.55	19.80	20.80	.60		2
3.00	375.18	1550.39	179.09	87.64	120.04	127.15	4.4	4
1.50	4.28	137.78	25.00	3.01	2.01	6.07	1.5	5
1.00	26.61	366.61	7.75	2.80	3.00			3
1.00		151.00	8.41	5.19	4.79	5.12	1.3	3
2.50	34.39	184.39	15.68	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.	1
2.45	4063.46	17774.32	1387.23	836.68	1042.51	919.52	103.1	1

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STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P. O.
Antioch	R. A. Morgan, Bronwood ...	J. O. Griffith, Morris Station
Arlington	T. M. Thomas, Arlington ...	F. E. Heath, Arlington ...
Bethany	W. T. Moody, Babcock ...	W. F. Lawrence, Milford ...
Bethel	J. E. Dykes, Fort Gaines ...	J. F. Robinson, Blakely ...
Beulah	E. T. Dawson, Blakely ...	J. E. Hudspeth, Cedar Sprgs.
Blakely	J. A. J. Dumas, Blakely ...	W. W. Fleming, Blakely ...
Bluffton	T. M. Thomas, Arlington ...	J. S. Haisten, Bluffton ...
Carnegie	J. G. Corley, Blakely ...	Ross Swann, Carnegie ...
Coleman	J. A. Ivey, Dawson ...	C. A. Brown, Coleman ...
Colomokee	J. G. Corley, Blakely ...	J. C. Balkcom, Blakely ...
Cuthbert	B. S. Railey, Cuthbert ...	L. A. Duggan, Cuthbert ...
Damascus, Early		
Damascus, Randolph	B. S. Railey, Cuthbert ...	J. T. Peak, Rt. 4, Cuthbert ...
Dover		
Edison	H. L. Crumbley, Richland ...	H. E. Hammock, Edison ...
Elam	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert ...	J. T. Sauls, Shellman ...
Enon	B. S. Railey, Cuthbert ...	J. P. Tye, Georgetown ...
Enterprise	N. G. Christopher, Whigham ...	Lester Smith, Rt. 1, Edison ...
Fort Gaines	H. N. Massey, Ft. Gaines ...	J. M. Culpepper, Ft. Gaines ...
Friendship	J. G. Corley, Blakely ...	W. H. Ferguson, Cuthbert ...
Georgetown	H. L. Driscoll, Macon ...	H. M. Kaigler, Georgetown ...
Hierod	J. F. Eden, Lumpkin ...	C. M. Harris, Dawson ...
Hillside	J. H. Harris, Blakely ...	
Hilton	J. S. Quattlebaum, Columbia	Duncan Hall, Blakely ...
Leary	W. L. Culberson, Shellman ...	B. G. Keel, Leary ...
Midway	H. N. Massey, Ft. Gaines ...	M. A. Lokey, Hatcher Sta...
Milford	W. O. Crumbley, Kestler ...	J. W. Johnson, Leary ...
Morgan	J. G. Black, Shellman ...	C. B. Weaver, Morgan ...
Morris Station	B. S. Railey, Cuthbert ...	J. L. Cumble, Morris Sta. ...
Mt. Gilead	W. D. Hammock, Coleman ...	A. H. Martin, Ft. Gaines ...
Mt. Hebron	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert ...	C. C. Crozier, Ft. Gaines ...
Mt. Vernon	W. D. Hammock, Coleman ...	J. W. Fellows, Carnegie ...
Mt. Zion		
New Bethel	J. W. Sauls, Shellman ...	Harvey Page, Cuthbert ...
New Hope	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert ...	W. A. Lindsey, Blakely ...
Pine View	E. T. Dawson, Blakely ...	J. Q. Scarborough, Blakely ...
Providence	E. T. Dawson, Blakely ...	
Rehoboth	J. G. Corley, Blakely ...	H. J. Edwards, Shellman ...
Salem	W. L. Culberson, Shellman ...	W. E. Tanner, Edison ...
Sasser	W. L. Culberson, Shellman ...	R. J. Grier, Sasser ...
Shellman	J. G. Black, Shellman ...	O. Z. Dean, Jr., Shellman ...
Shiloh	A. C. Wellons, Plains ...	A. W. Dawson, Morris Sta. ...
Sowhatchee	E. T. Dawson, Blakely ...	J. L. Ricks, Hilton ...
Springvale	H. L. Driscoll, Macon ...	T. M. Davis, Springvale ...
Vilulah	A. C. Wellons, Plains ...	R. E. Joiner, Coleman ...

ISTICS

Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Ga. Baptist Hospital	Schools and Colleges	Ministerial Education	Other Objects	Total	Grand Total
.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 130.55
43.43	2.10	17.77	15.60	1.55	.....	223.85	2317.09
2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	140.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106.40
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	131.00
170.66	12.43	13.14	32.39	8.87	47.88	746.86	4731.69
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.54	324.54
10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	39.14	131.01	359.01
32.97	6.00	7.50	10.00	7.00	14.50	260.56	725.66
48.18	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	88.90	300.40
141.81	22.29	7.31	111.52	82.45	50.00	1221.59	3400.57
.....
.....	2.00	2.55	.....	.....	22.50	57.05	300.45
.....
121.84	11.28	28.79	76.45	10.34	35.70	588.03	1108.53
5.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.55	208.15
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.20	174.20
2.33	.20	1.65	.30	3.00	1.25	29.55	301.40
37.48	10.69	29.95	24.87	9.88	.....	353.24	1449.83
11.25	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	40.55	280.05
7.00	.53	.51	2.34	.31	.....	28.86	274.19
17.00	2.80	.....	.....	3.25	3.73	71.00	272.50
.....
2.50	.....	1.00	.....	2.50	.....	.....	77.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41.00	233.50
17.90	2.15	.....	.....	.80	.....	38.95	196.45
2.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.38	23.63
10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.25	277.66
1.75	3.50	2.38	.23	2.46	2.25	60.79	438.78
1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	10.52	153.02
20.00	3.65	9.00	42.65	169.65
.....	12.07
.....	3.65	3.65
25.40	95.85	247.85
19.00	4.00	49.91	274.91
3.75	8.00	159.50
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16.00	5.00	39.00	151.00
5.29	5.00	25.29	364.41
.60	.20	1.87	.15	.15	1.50	67.62	117.51
127.15	4.20	9.34	235.57	137.18	66.96	967.17	2517.56
6.07	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.59	175.37
.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	2.50	19.05	385.66
5.12	1.66	.38	2.10	.96	.....	28.61	179.61
5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	40.68	225.07
919.52	103.18	138.14	521.52	792.22	298.41	5807.71	29227.78

SUNDAY

CHURCH	Superintendent	Address
Antioch	No school .....	.....
Arlington	J. M. Giddens	Arlington
Bethany	W. A. White	Milford
Bethel	No school .....	.....
Beulah	J. G. Brantley	Cedar Springs
Blakely	B. R. Collins	Blakely
Bluffton	J. E. Mansfield	Bluffton
Carnegie	Wike Ivey	Carnegie
Coleman	W. D. Hammock, Jr.	Coleman
Colomokee	F. B. Melton	Blakely
Cuthbert	John D. Gunn	Cuthbert
Damascus (Early)	No report .....	.....
Damascus (Randolph) ..	C. D. Peak	Rt. 4, Cuthbert
Dover	No report .....	.....
Edison	Henry Turner	Edison
Elam	J. T. Stewart	Morgan
Enon	No school .....	.....
Enterprise	R. G. Smith	Rt. 2, Bluffton
Fort Gaines	W. L. Paullin	Fort Gaines
Friendship	J. W. Bone	Shellman
Georgetown	H. M. Kaigler	Georgetown
Herod	J. H. McLendon	Dawson
Hillside	No report .....	.....
Hilton	T. M. Mathews	Hilton
Leary	L. S. Jones	Leary
Midway	No school .....	.....
Milford	W. R. Morris	Leary
Morgan	Z. T. Rabun	Morgan
Morris	W. J. Boyett	Morris Station
Mt. Gilead	J. B. Goodman	Fort Gaines
Mt. Hebron	No school .....	.....
Mt. Vernon	B. F. Pierce	Coleman
Mt. Zion	No report .....	.....
New Bethel	No report .....	.....
New Hope	J. A. George	Rt. 3, Blakely
Pine View	J. H. Turner	Blakely
Providence	No report .....	.....
Rehoboth	J. E. Henier	Shellman
Salem	No school .....	.....
Sasser	R. J. Grier	Sasser
Shellman	C. P. Payne	Shellman
Shiloh	R. D. Crozier	Morris Station
Sowhatchee	J. M. Lane	Hilton
Springvale	No school .....	.....
Vilulah	G. W. Coram	Edison

OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION

	New Members	Total Membership	Total Female	Mem. Church	Messenger	Subs.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Cash	Total	Other Contrib. Thru Mis. Bd.	Local Work	Value of Boxes	Grand Total
	439	18	25.00	20.00	30.00	27.31	101.75									101.75
	346	56.40	47.00	70.50	115.12	244.02	26.00	163.49	41.00	473.51						
	12	10	35.65	2.00	6.40	6.95	51.00								20.00	71.00
	129	35	25.50	20.00	30.00	27.00	102.50	1.45								103.95
	218	60	11	8.40	7.00	10.50	35.00									35.00
	35	161	12	63.60	59.03	79.50	275.87	5.00	20.50							301.37
	313	22	10	5.40	11.05	5.00	27.15								14.40	41.55
	114	3	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	25.00							16.00		41.00
			1.70				1.70									1.70
h	48	118	47	32.40	27.00	40.50	35.77	136.30	9.00	22.45	52.50	220.25				15.00
	12	12	70	5	2.95	2.00	.55	2.75	8.15		12.12	20.27				35.00
	335	121	12	38.40	32.00	48.00	42.60	160.00	30.00	40.00		230.00				16.14
	317	49	12	3.60	3.00	4.50	5.04	16.14				16.14				10.50
	1010	37	2	2.40	2.00	3.00	3.10	10.50								50.00
	6	60	3	12.00	10.00	15.00	14.00	50.00								122.10
	1215		4.00	2.00	3.00	3.20	12.20	.70	110.00			122.10				58.42
	822	11	4.60	4.14	4.50	4.17	17.42		15.00	26.00		58.42				12.50
	7	4	3.60	1.00	2.75	2.65	10.00			2.50		12.50				15.25
	415	43	3	2.40	2.00	3.00	2.35	10.25		5.00		15.25				287.06
	841	71	36	50.40	42.00	42.30	56.60	192.30	3.50	66.26	25.00	287.06				2.35
	1110	26	3	.50	.50	.50	.85	2.35				2.35				23.20
	512	21	5	4.95	4.05	6.60	5.25	23.20				23.20				37.45
	15	91	6	7.74	3.00	4.50	11.41	26.25		11.20		37.45				16.77
	717		5	3.60	3.00	4.50	4.17	15.27		1.50		16.77				41.75
	421			8.40	7.00	10.50	9.37	35.00		6.75		41.75				51.00
	77	60		12.00	10.00	15.00	14.00	51.00				51.00				4.70
	1010		1.50	1.00	1.00	1.20	4.70					4.70				19.98
	727		3.60	3.00	4.50	4.18	15.28		2.50	2.20		19.98				10.74
	6060		3.00	2.00	2.40	3.34	10.74					10.74				5.00
	648		1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	5.00					5.00				20.00
	126		4.80	4.00	6.60	4.45	20.00					20.00				1.00
	1717		1.00				1.00					1.00				
	1262		5.00	5.00	5.00	17.25	32.25		2.25	11.66		4				
	1414					1.36	1.36		1.10			2.46				7.00
	25				7.00		7.00					7.00				1.69
	416	3				37	1.32	1.69				25.00				8.64
	449		6.00	5.00	7.50	6.50	25.00					25.00				2.00
	1111		1.20	1.00	1.50	1.86	5.64		3.00			8.64				
	1111	11	.48	.40	.60	.38	2.00					2.00				
	1414	3				.57	.57					.57				\$2555.78

MINUTES

—of the—

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Auxiliary to the Bethel Association

—Held With—

W. M. S. OF THE FORT GAINES BAPTIST CHURCH,

October 12th and 13th, 1915.

OFFICERS:

Mrs. A. G. Hash, Superintendent Fort Gaines, Ga.
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Mrs. Homer Joiner, Treasurer Coleman, Ga.
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Corresponding Secretary—Evie Campbell.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The next session of the W. M. U. of Bethel Association will be held with the W. M. S. of First Baptist Church of Cuthbert, Ga., on Tuesday and Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1916.

“HAVE FAITH IN GOD.”

MINUTES OF W. B. M. U., BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Fort Gaines Baptist Church, October 12, 1915.

The W. B. M. U. of Bethel Association which convened with the Fort Gaines Baptist church on October 12 and 13, 1915, was called to order by the Superintendent, Mrs. A. G. Hash.

Meeting opened with song by choir, after which Mrs. Hash introduced Mrs. Brown, of Coleman, who led the devotional. Her theme was "Consecration." The song, "All for Jesus," was sung as a duet by Mesdames Killingsworth and Arnold.

Prayer by Bro. Black.

Welcome address by Mrs. J. E. Paullin, President of the local W. M. S.

Greetings from local M. E. Church by Mrs. R. T. Crozier.

Response by Mrs. E. H. Hamby.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Publication—Mrs. W. D. Hammock, chairman, Miss Beatrice Coram, Mrs. J. L. Cumbie, Mrs. J. M. Curry.

On Plan of Work—Mrs. W. H. Wills chairman, Mrs. O. H. Sanders, Mrs. L. E. Gay.

On Enrollment—Mrs. W. L. Paullin, chairman, Mrs. Carl Lloyd.

On Resolutions—Mrs. Arthur White, chairman, Mrs. Rowena Ward, Mrs. Homer Hammock.

On Obituaries—Mrs. W. L. Culberson, chairman, Mrs. T. M. Thomas, Mrs. Mamie Stewart.

The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Hester Curry, 1st District; Mrs. H. E. Hammock, 3rd District; Mrs. W. A. Barksdale, 4th District; Mrs. B. L. Brown, 5th District; Mrs. O. H. Sanders 6th District; Mrs. J. E. Johnson, 7th District; Association at large—Mrs. L. A. Duggan, chairman, Mrs. J. E. Paullin.

Report of Publicity Committee was read by Mrs. W. D. Hammock, chairman.

Report of Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Joiner, was read and adopted.

On motion, fifteen dollars was appropriated to pay expenses of printing minutes, programs, etc.

Reports of District Secretaries received.

Song, "Make me a channel of blessing."

Report of Executive Committee received.

Mrs. A. G. Hash, our superintendent, then made her annual report accompanying same with an address on progress.

Sketch of life of Miss Heck, late president of W. M. U. of S. B. C., was read by Mrs. Zach Arnold, after which Miss Heck's favorite song, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was sung.

Prayer by our Superintendent.

Rev. H. N. Massey, the new pastor of the Fort Gaines Baptist church, was introduced and gave us a talk on missions. Prayer of dismissal by Bro. Railey. (Lunch.)

Afternoon Session.

Opened with song, "I love to tell the story." Devotional led by Mrs. Rowena Ward. Song, "Higher Ground."

Report of Enrollment Committee received and adopted.

Mrs. W. L. Culberson reported that ninety delegates had been rolled.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Opened conference on W. M. S. Work. Define policy of the W. M. S. Work.

Our Superintendent asked all the Presidents of the local societies to come to the front.

First: Extension, Winning of the Other Woman—Mrs. W. H. Wells.

Second: Education or Information—Mrs. T. F. Harper.

Third: Prayer—Mrs. L. E. Gay.

Fourth: Gifts—Mrs. Arthur White.

Sixth: Standard of Excellence Attained—Mrs. Nettie Coachman.

A collection was taken to meet the expenses of the Union at this session. amounting to \$14.25.

Our Superintendent, in a clear and concise manner, explained the apportionment card and the Standard of Excellence for Association. She also explained the change of districts.

Closing prayer by Bro. Black.

Tuesday Evening 7:45 O'Clock.

Service in charge of Rev. H. N. Massey. Music in charge of the choir.

Devotional was led by Rev. B. S. Railey, who introduced Rev. Lamar Sims, of Albany, who delivered the annual Missionary Sermon, which was replete with information and an inspiration to all who heard it.

Wednesday Morning Session.

Song by choir. Prayer by Mrs. W. J. Neel. Devotional by Miss Beatrice Coram. Song, "Love Divine."

Mrs. Hash took charge of the speakers in the discussion.

The Ideal Associational Union:

I. The Organization of the Union:

a. The Superintendent, Her Duties—Mrs. L. A. Duggan.

b. The District Secretary, Her Duties—Mrs. W. J. Neel, President of W. M. U. of Georgia. In accents gen-

tle, with face serene and illustrations most fittingly chosen, she brought a message that thrilled all who heard her.

c. The Publication Committee, Its Field and Work—Mrs. Mary Cowdrey.

d. The Executive Committee, the Spiritual Dynamo—Rev. B. S. Railey.

2. The Aim of the Union, a Graded Missionary Union in every church—Mrs. T. M. Thomas.

Then Mrs. Neel explained the difference in the W. M. S. and the W. M. U.

Song, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

3. How Attained—Mrs. J. M. Curry.

4. The Orphans' Home—T. S. Scoggins, manager of the Home at Hapeville, being present, gave us an interesting talk on this subject, closing with an appeal for this noble institution of ours.

Song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

5. The Mary P. Willingham School—Mrs. W. J. Neel. Announcements.

Song "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Prayer of dismissal by Bro. Thomas. (Lunch.)

Afternoon Session.

Opened with song. Devotional led by Mrs. L. A. Duke. Song, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

Reports of committees read and adopted as follows: Obituaries, Plan of Work, Resolutions, Nominations.

Mrs. Neel asked that all the newly nominated and elected officers to come to the front and that Mrs. Duggan lead in prayer.

Emma L. Amos Memorial Fund, Mrs. Chester Peak.

The Training School Enlargement, Mrs. W. J. Neel.

Conference of Young People's Work:

Qualification for Leadership of Young People—Mrs. Railey.

Sunbeam Band, Foundation Work:

Aims, Material, Methods, Etc—Mrs. Homer Hammock.

Questions asked and answered.

Y. W. A. Leaders discussed by Mrs. W. J. Neel.

Meeting thrown open for heart to heart talks.

Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Prayer of dismissal by Bro. Massey.

MRS. B. W. ELLIS, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. W. H. Joiner, in account with W. M. U., Bethel Association.	
October 14, 1914. To balance	\$11.73
October 17, 1914. To cash collection at Morgan	3.20
To check Fort Gaines W. M. U.	4.00
To check Blakely W. M. U.	1.00
To check Arlington W. M. U.	1.00
To check Edison W. M. U.	1.00
To check Morgan W. M. U.	1.00
To check Cuthbert W. M. U.	6.00
To check Shellman W. M. U.	2.55
To check Bluffton W. M. U.	3.00
To cash Coleman W. M. U.	2.95
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	\$37.43
Nov. 2, 1914. By check W. C. Kelley, programs	\$ 3.75
Nov. 3, 1914. By check W. W. Fleming, minutes	10.00
Dec. 7, 1914. By check Mrs. Hash, 200 copies S. E.	2.50
Dec. 7, 1914. By check, Mrs. Hash, traveling exp.	1.60
Feb., 1915. By cash to T. M. Thomas (Cuthbert)	1.00
Feb. 11 1915. By check T. M. Thomas, stereop. machine	5.00
Feb. 12, 1915. By check T. M. Thomas, stereop. machine	2.00
June, 14, 1915. By check T. M. Thomas, stereop. machine	2.00
Sept. 10, 1915. By check Mrs. Hash, exp. Union programs	2.53
Oct. 12, 1915. Balance on hand	7.05
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	\$37.43

Vouchers attached. Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. H. JOINER, Treasurer.

Report of First District Secretary.

Never before did I realize such a stupendous task as when elected District Secretary last year. Even though deprived of great talents, great learning, high position and experience I took up the greatest work God had even given me to do, depending entirely on my earnestness and prayers. It gives me great joy to report that two societies, Herod and Dover, and one Sunbeam, Sasser, has been organized during the year. Now all the churches in this District have a W. M. S. except Friendship. I have secured several subscriptions to the Mission Messenger and In Royal Service. From time to time I have visited the societies and have written letters urging and encouraging them to be more interested in the work. We held our District Rally with the Shellman W. M. S. and although all our societies were not represented, we had a glorious time.

MRS. W. L. CULBERSON.

Report of Second District Secretary.

I beg to submit to you the following report of my endeavors during the past year as District Secretary:

Organizations: At Leary, Sunbeam; at Bethany, W. M. S.; at Milford, W. M. S.

I made two attempts to reach both Bethany and Milford before succeeding. Made two visits to Elim to reorganize and get them into working order again. Have written ten letters and several cards but no one seems to deem it necessary to answer a district secretary's letters but our Superintendent, or that is my experience. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. Z. T. RABUN, Morgan, Ga.

Report of Third District Secretary.

Reorganized two societies. In this district we have five societies with three to be organized. Made visits to six churches and societies. Wrote a number of letters and cards, and sent out some literature. Held one district rally.

MRS. J. L. JAY, Secretary.

Report of Fifth District Secretary.

As we come to the close of another year's work, I regret to report so little work done, but we are thankful for even a beginning, for with a beginning who can tell the results, if with God's help we keep everlastingly at it? If we give our women the information, they see the importance of an organized missionary society, and I feel that the day is not far distant when we can report a missionary society in every church. Of the seven churches in the fifth district five have a Woman's Missionary Society, four have Sunbeam Bands, the other two have just been organized, and we hope will do good work in the vineyard of the Lord. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. D. HAMMOCK, Sec.

Report of Sixth District Secretary.

We have held jubiliates each in Cuthbert, Damascus and New Bethel. They were both profitable and instructive. We had heartfelt fellowship and conscientious, prayerful study that will long be remembered. The definite plans of church work suggested means larger things and broader plans for the future. We also held a rally in each of these churches and in each the duty to our young people was stressed, and we felt inspired to greater efforts for the Master. At Damascus, April 10th, we reorganized the W. M. S. and organized a Sunbeam Band. I feel very thankful for their earnestness and love for the work and trust their apportionment will be met. We did the same at

New Bethel and since then we held a get-together meeting, but they were much scattered and somewhat discouraged. Their work is now on the decline. I have had invitations to visit certain families, both in Mt. Hebron and Carnegie, but this is all. Sorry not to have a better report.

MRS. L. P. TAYLOR, Secretary.

Report of Seventh District Secretary.

My work in the Seventh District is composed of Enon, Georgetown, Morris, Springvale and Shiloh. It has been a joy to keep the schedule of the churches before me and to pray for and to plan for and to visit them at their services, at all times trying to keep in close touch with every Woman' Missionary Society and Sunbeam Band. I have tried to encourage the work and organize Societies where there were none. Have done much correspondence and made many visits. Georgetown and Morris have each a W. M. S. and Sunbeam Band; Springvale a W. M. S.; Shiloh a Sunbeam Band; Enon plans to organize soon. I rejoice to see a deeper interest, and believe this district will do larger things for our Master.

MRS. J. L. CUMBIE, Sec., Morris Station.

District Secretaries.

First District, Mrs. Claude Payne, Secretary; Shellman, Rehoboth Dover, Herod, Sasser, Friendship.

Second District, Mrs. Homer Hammock, Secretary; Edison, Elim, Leary, Morgan, Salem, Enterprise.

Third District, Mrs. T. M. Thomas, Secretary; Arlington, Damascus (Early), Milford, Pretoria, Bethany Bluffton, Hillside.

Fourth District, Mrs. Nettie Coachman, Secretary; Blakely, Colomokee, Hilton, New Hope, Pine View, Providence, Sowhatchee, Beulah, Bethel.

Fifth District Mrs. W. D. Hammock, Secretary; Coleman, Fort Gaines, Midway, Mr. Vernon, Mt. Gilead, Vilulah.

Sixth District, Mrs. Chester Peak, Secretary; Cuthbert, Carnegie, Damascus (Randolph), Mt. Hebron, New Bethel.

Seventh District, Mrs. J. L. Cumbie, Secretary; Morris Station, Enon Georgetown, Shiloh, Springvale, Antioch.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

During the last Associational year our Heavenly Father, who is all wise and all powerful, has called only five members of our Union: Mrs. J. R. Powell, Shellman; Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, Coleman; Mrs. Sallie Turnipseed, Fort Gaines; Mrs. D. S. Strickland, Arlington; Mrs. Clyde Tooke, Arlington. They are gone from us, but only to enter upon a higher service for

the Master. It is our loss but His gain, and we know that He doeth all things well. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. L. CULBERSON,
MRS. MONROE STEWART,
MRS. T. M. THOMAS.

Report of Committee on Plan of Work.

1. That we adopt as our motto "Workers together with God," and as our aim, "Every church and every woman in each church in Bethel Association enlisted in woman's work."
2. That each Society contribute systematically, according to our Baptist schedule, and that the funds be distributed prayerfully, according to the apportionment card.
3. That each Society appoint Home Department and Personal Service Committees.
4. That each Society have on its heart the importance of training the young people in mission work.
5. That we endeavor to place in each Baptist home one or more of our mission magazines.
6. That the executive committee hold its quarterly meetings at the place most convenient for the district secretaries, the place to be decided by the superintendent.
7. That each society send messengers to its district rally and the associational meetings.
8. That a copy of the standard of excellence be furnished each society.
9. That the report blanks be filled out and returned to the district secretary.
10. That earnest prayer be made at each society meeting for the Baptist work in general.

MRS. W. H. WELLS, Chm.,
MRS. O. H. SANDERS,
MRS. LOUIS GAY.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We, the committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. That we bow in gratitude to our Father for His providence over us; for His spirit of love and communion; and for His goodness to us all.
2. That we thank the W. M. S. of Fort Gaines Baptist church, and all the people of this beautiful little city, for their kindness and hospitality.
3. That we thank the choir and pianist for the music so thoroughly enjoyed.
4. That we express great appreciation to our State President for her visit to us for the inspiration she has given by her

presence, and for the helpful suggestions for future work.

5. That we thank the pastors of the Association for their co-operation; Rev. Lamar Sims, for his missionary sermon; and Mr. Scoggins for his talk on the Orphans' Home.

6. That we express appreciation to our beloved Superintendent, the district secretaries, and each individual member for the splendid work which has brought our Association up to such a high standing.

MRS. ARTHUR WHITE,
MRS. ROWENA WARD,
MRS. HOMER HAMMOCK.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

We, the Committee on Nominations, suggest the following names for officers of the W. M. U. of Bethel Association for the year 1915-16:

Superintendent—Mrs. A. G. Hash, Fort Gaines.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. B. W. Ellis, Cuthbert.

Treasurer—Mrs. Homer Joiner, Coleman.

1st Dist. Secretary—Mrs. C. P. Payne, Shellman.

2nd Dist. Secretary—Mrs. H. E. Hammock, Edison.

3rd Dist. Secretary—Mrs. T. M. Thomas, Arlington.

4th Dist. Secretary—Mrs. Nettie Coachman, Blakely.

5th Dist. Secretary—Mrs. W. D. Hammock, Coleman.

6th Dist. Secretary—Mrs. Chester Peak, Cuthbert.

7th Dist. Secretary—Mrs. J. L. Cumbie, Morris Station.

It is left with the Superintendent to select two members to complete the Executive Committee.

We accept the invitation of the Cuthbert church to meet with them on Tuesday and Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1916.

MRS. L. A. DUGGAN, Chm.,
MRS. HESTER CURRY,
MRS. H. E. HAMMOCK,
MRS. W. A. BARKSDALE,
MRS. B. L. BROWN,
MRS. O. H. SANDERS,
MRS. J. E. JOHNSON.

Constitution and By-Laws of Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Baptist Association. Preamble.

We, the Women of the Churches connected with the Bethel Association, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among women and children of the churches, and wishing to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards and the W. M. U., organize and adopt the following Constitution:

Article I. Name.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Baptist Association.

Article II. Object.

The two-fold object of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be: 1st. To distribute missionary information and stimulate effort throughout the whole Association. 2nd, To secure the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions.

Article III. Officers.

The officers shall be a President; two Vice Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

Article IV. Annual Meetings.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous Annual Meeting or by the Executive Committee.

Article V. Conduct of Meetings.

Every session of the W. M. U. shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. Superintendent—The Supt. shall preside at the Annual Meeting of the W. M. U. and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; and shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees. She may call special meetings of the Executive Committee when in her judgment needful, or at the request of three members of the Committee.

Art. 2. District Secretary—Dist. Secretaries shall seek to advance the interests of the Union in these communities, and preside at annual meetings in the absence of the Superintendent.

Art. 3. Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate records of the annual and special meetings of the Union; shall notify officers of their election and committees of their appointment and shall perform the other duties usual to her office.

Art. 4. Treasurer—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate

account of all receipts and disbursements of money, as reported to her from different churches or committees, and shall present a detailed report of all these accounts to each annual meeting. She shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to her office.

Art 5. Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by a nomination from the body of one representative from each district and two from the association at large.

Art. 6. Elections—The officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee on the afternoon of the last day of the meeting.

Art. 7.—The Executive Committee shall hold quarterly meetings for the transaction of business and shall report through its officers at each annual session of the Union.

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Constitution and By-Laws of Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Baptist Association. Preamble.

We, the Women of the Churches connected with the Bethel Association, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among women and children of the churches, and wishing to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards and the W. M. U., organize and adopt the following Constitution:

Article I. Name.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Baptist Association.

Article II. Object.

The two-fold object of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be: 1st. To distribute missionary information and stimulate effort throughout the whole Association. 2nd, To secure the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions.

Article III. Officers.

The officers shall be a President; two Vice Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

Article IV. Annual Meetings.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous Annual Meeting or by the Executive Committee.

Article V. Conduct of Meetings.

Every session of the W. M. U. shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. Superintendent—The Supt. shall preside at the Annual Meeting of the W. M. U. and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; and shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees. She may call special meetings of the Executive Committee when in her judgment needful, or at the request of three members of the Committee.

Art. 2. District Secretary—Dist. Secretaries shall seek to advance the interests of the Union in these communities, and preside at annual meetings in the absence of the Superintendent.

Art. 3. Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate records of the annual and special meetings of the Union; shall notify officers of their election and committees of their appointment and shall perform the other duties usual to her office.

Art. 4. Treasurer—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate

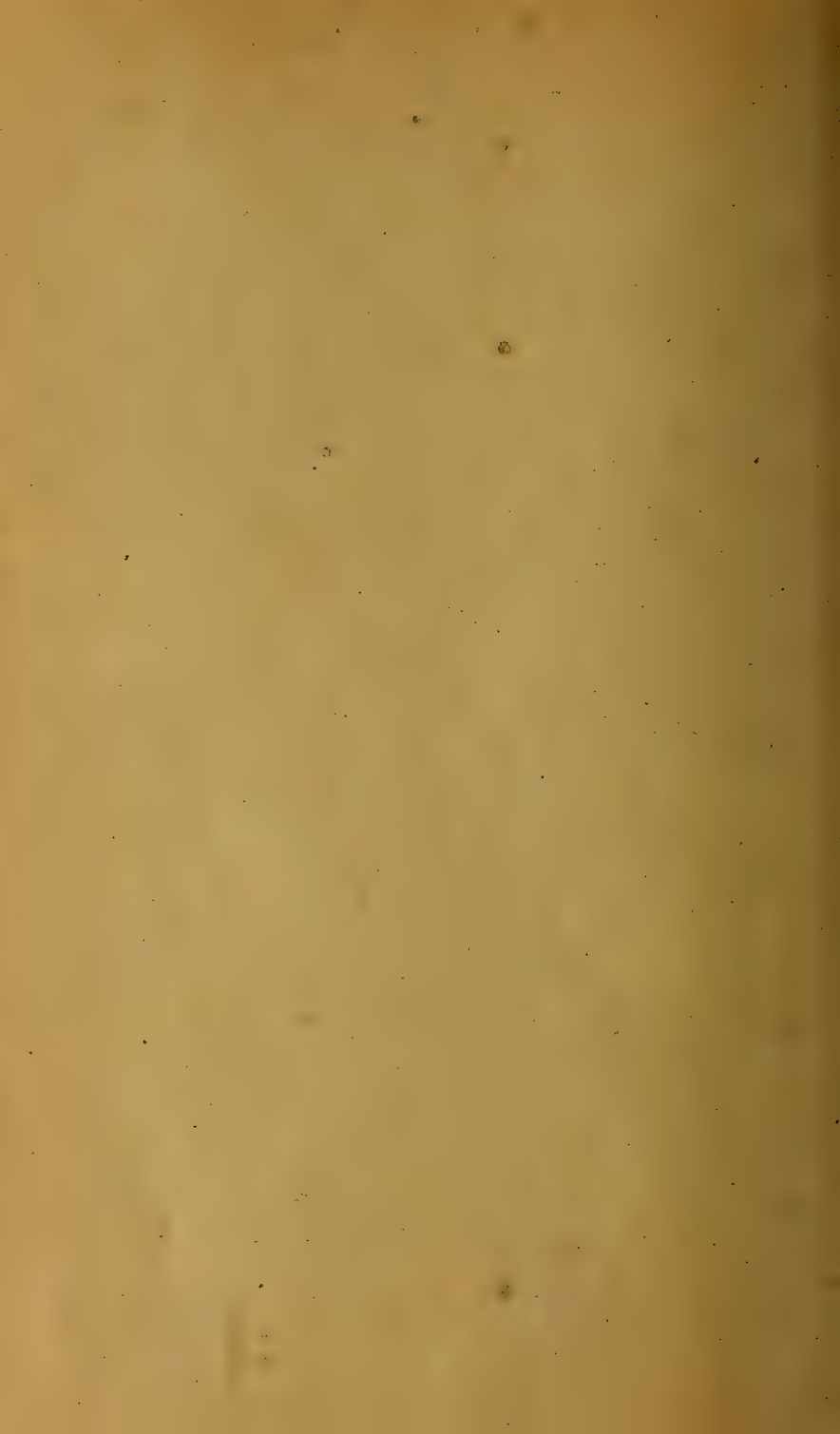
account of all receipts and disbursements of money, as reported to her from different churches or committees, and shall present a detailed report of all these accounts to each annual meeting. She shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to her office.

Art 5. Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by a nomination from the body of one representative from each district and two from the association at large.

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A. L. Miller, Moderator	Edison, Ga.
W. W. Fleming, Clerk	Blakely, Ga.
A. P. Hatcher, Treasurer	Cuthbert, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. G. Black, Chairman	Shellman, Ga.
J. A. J. Dumas	Blakely, Ga.
H. N. Massey, Secretary	Fort Gaines, Ga.
J. L. Claxton	Edison, Ga.
H. M. Melton	Arlington, Ga.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The next session of Bethel Association will be held beginning Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1917, place to be announced later.

Doctrinal Sermon, C. C. Davison; alternate, H. N. Massey.

Missionary Sermon, H. M. Melton; alternate, J. P. Sauls.

MINUTES.

Fort Gaines, Ga., October 24, 1916.

The Eighty-Fourth Annual Session of Bethel Association met this day with the church at Fort Gaines.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. C. Davison. The association was welcomed to Fort Gaines in an eloquent address by Bro. B. M. Turnipseed. Bro. John D. Gunn of Cuthbert responded in behalf of the messengers to the Association in a most feeling manner.

The doctrinal sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. J. Dumas. Text, Psalm 19:12, 13. Theme: "Sins of Presumption."

Afternoon Session.

Association called to order by former Moderator. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. H. M. Melton.

Roll of messengers called by former clerk.

Antioch—J. O. Griffith.

Arlington—L. F. Murray, Geo. Murray, Rev. H. M. Melton.

Bethany—

Bethel—J. I. Shirling, Von Cox.

Beulah—W. R. Hodges.

Blakely—J. A. J. Dumas, W. W. Fleming.

Bluffton—J. E. Mansfield, W. T. Hammack.

Carnegie—J. W. Fellows, Ross Swann.

Coleman—C. A. Brown, Joe Ray, B. W. Rish, W. H. Joiner, A. L. Martin.

Colomokee—J. G. Corley, J. M. Balkcom, L. E. Mitchell, W. W. Brunson, E. S. Collins.

Cuthbert—C. C. Davison, J. W. Stanford, A. P. Hatcher, John D. Gunn.

Damascus (Early)—W. O. Crumbley.

Damascus (Randolph)—J. T. Peak, C. D. Peak, Geo. Peavy, John Peavy, W. H. Lockett.

Dover—John Woods.

Edison—A. L. Miller, J. L. Claxton, V. L. McTyler, H. F. Singleton, R. L. Jenkins, L. M. Killingsworth.

Elam—C. L. Stewart, W. W. Beard.

Enon—By letter.

Enterprise—W. H. Rish, R. G. Smith, Ulysses Smith, J. W. Cherry.

Elmodel—By letter.

Fort Gaines—W. L. Paullin, E. J. Hobbs, T. M. Brown, E. W. Chambers, H. N. Massey.

Friendship—S. B. Johnson.

Georgetown—

Herod—H. F. Melton, J. D. Dennis, J. H. Dennis, J. H. McLendon.

Hillside—By letter.

Hilton—E. R. McRee, Duncan Hall.

Leary—H. M. Langston, B. I. Keel, Marshall Jordan.

Midway—M. A. Lokey.

Milford—J. P. Sauls.

Morgan—C. J. Taylor.

Morris Station—A. H. Teel, J. W. Boyett.

Mt. Ararat—E. W. Jones, Dennis Willis.

Mt. Gilead—C. C. Crozier, C. L. Jester.

Mt. Hebron—Z. T. Nichols, F. E. Tabb, Claude Dawson, J. W. Martin.

Mt. Vernon—W. H. Ingram, A. C. Sutton, C. C. Pearce.

Mt. Zion—J. B. Goodman, W. F. Gentry, S. P. Creel.

New Bethel—Rev. J. T. Sauls, J. M. Taylor, T. H. Plowden, J. R. Plowden.

New Hope—G. H. Berry, J. L. Middleton, G. O. Lindsey, J. E. Dykes, Jr., J. H. Waller.

Pine View—R. E. Reagan, A. C. Hammond, Joe Turner, G. T. Collier.

Providence—J. G. Harrell.

Rehoboth—A. H. Jones, C. O. Preston, Jesse R. Peavy.

Salem—J. H. Turner, M. L. Holloway, Albert Culbreth, D. B. Clements.

Sasser—J. C. Joiner, G. L. Spann, G. F. Varner, R. M. Anthony.

Shellman—R. B. Martin, M. C. Sheffield, John G. Black.

Shiloh—J. A. Sheppard, R. T. Boyett.

Sowhatchee—J. L. Ricks.

Springvale—J. N. Massee, Will Cobb.

Vilulah—B. E. Joiner, T. J. McFather, G. W. Coram.

Bro. A. L. Miller was re-elected Moderator by acclamation, on motion of Dr. J. W. Stanford.

On motion of J. A. J. Dumas, W. W. Fleming was re-elected by acclamation as clerk.

Program Committee made their report, which was adopted as the order of business as follows:

Tuesday Morning.

10:00. Devotional—C. C. Davison.

Welcome Address—B. M. Turnipseed.

Response—J. D. Gunn, of Cuthbert.

11:00. Introductory Sermon—J. A. J. Dumas.

Tuesday Afternoon.

1:30. Devotional—H. M. Melton.

Organization—

(a) Presentation of letters.

(b) Enrollment of messengers.

(b) Election of officers, moderator, clerk.

Adopt order of business.

Applications for membership.

Call for correspondence and visitors.

Appointment of committees—finance, digest of letters, nominations.

Report on B. Y. P. U. Work. Address by J. E. Sammons, of Griffin, Ga., State President of B. Y. P. U.

Open Conference on Methods.

Announcements.

Tuesday Evening.

7:15. Devotional—J. L. Claxton.

Report on Denominational Literature—L. A. Duggan.

Report on Woman's Work—H. M. Melton.

Report on Ministerial Relief—J. M. Taylor.

Wednesday Morning.

9:00. Devotional—J. P. Sauls.

Call for correspondents and visitors.

Report on Sunday Schools—J. G. Black.

Report on Home Missions—J. G. Corley.

Report on Foreign Missions—C. C. Davison.

Report on State Missions—J. A. J. Dumas.

11:00. Missionary Sermon—H. N. Massey.

Wednesday Afternoon.

1:30. Devotional—E. T. Dawson.

Report of treasurer.

Report on orphan's home.

Report of executive committee.

Report on education—B. M. Turnipseed.

Report on digest of letters—R. G. Smith.

Wednesday Evening.

(Laymen's Night.)

7:15. Devotional talks, reports.

Thursday Morning.

9:00. Devotional—J. A. J. Dumas.

Report of trustees of Bethel college.

Report on temperance—J. W. Sauls.

Report of auditing committee.

Report of finance committee.

Report on obituaries—J. N. Massee.

Report of nominating committee.

Appointment of standing committees for next year.

Arrangement for printing minutes.

Miscellaneous.

Open hour for discussion of helpful features.

11:00. Associational sermon—C. C. Davison.

Called for petitions for membership. Mt. Ararat made application. Chair appointed an investigating committee—J. G. Black, J. A. J. Dumas and H. N. Massey—to report upon the application.

Called for correspondents and visitors. The following were announced:

Rev. J. I. Quattlebaum, of Columbia Association.

Rev. A. C. Wellons, of Friendship Association.

Rev. J. E. Sammons, of Flint River Association, State President of B. Y. P. U.

Rev. J. M. Long, Supt. Georgia Baptist Hospital.

The chair appointed the following committees:

On Finance—A. P. Hatcher, J. M. Taylor H. T. Singleton.

On Nominations—J. W. Stanford, R. L. Jenkins, B. M. Turnipseed.

On Digest of Letters—R. G. Smith, V. L. McTyer, C. J. Taylor.

Report on B. Y. P. U. Work read by H. N. Massey. (See Document No. 1.) Address on the B. Y. P. U. Work by our State President, J. E. Sammons. Report spoken to by H. N. Massey. Report adopted.

The committee appointed to report on petitionary letter of Mr. Ararat reported favorably to its reception and on motion the church was admitted to membership. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the messengers, Bros. E. W. Jones and Dennis Willis.

Tuesday Evening Session.

Devotional services led by Rev. E. T. Dawson.

Report on Denominational Literature read by the Clerk in the absence of Bro. L. A. Duggan. (See Doc. 2.) Spoken to by Bros. J. L. Claxton, J. A. J. Dumas and H. N. Massey. Report adopted.

Report on Woman's Work read by Bro. H. M. Melton.

(See Doc. No. 3.) Spoken to by Bros. Melton and A. C. Wellons. Report adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief read by Bro. J. M. Taylor. (See Doc. No. 4.) Spoken to by Bro. Taylor, who asked that a special prayer be offered for "Uncle John" Martin, which was led by Rev. J. P. Sauls. Spoken to by Bros. J. G. Black and J. L. Claxton. Report adopted.

Motion to take up report on Education at this time. Motion carried. Report read by Bro. B. M. Turnipseed. (See Doc. No. 5.) Spoken to by Bro. H. N. Massey. Report adopted.

Wednesday Morning Session.

Devotional led by Rev. J. W. Martin.

Motion by C. C. Davison to restrict discussion of reports to 20 minutes each and each speaker to five minutes. Motion adopted.

Called for correspondents and visitors. The following were announced: Rev. B. S. Railey, representing Orphan's Home; Brethren Melton and Hatcher, from Friendship Association; Rev. A. C. Cree, Secretary of the Georgia Board of Missions; Rev. W. H. Tew, of Abbeville, Ala.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Rev. J. G. Black. (See Doc. No. 6.) Spoken to by Bro. Black. Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions read by W. W. Fleming for the committee. (See Doc. 7.) Report adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Bro. C. C. Davison. (See Doc. No. 8.) Report adopted.

Report on State Missions read by Bro. J. A. J. Dumas. (See Doc. No. 9.) Report adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions spoken to by Bros. C. C. Davison and A. C. Wellons.

Report on Home Missions was spoken to by Bro. H. N. Massey.

At 11 o'clock Dr. A. C. Cree, Secretary of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board delivered a masterly address on the work of the Mission Board. It appearing that Bethel Association had fallen short of its 1915 contribution for State Missions, a collection was taken to make up the discrepancy. Pledges as follows were made: Edison \$15.00; Morgan \$5.00; New Bethel \$45.00; Colomokee \$5.00; Arlington \$10.00; Bluffton \$5.00; Massey's District \$10.00; Salem \$5.00; Enterprise \$5.00; Shellman W. M. S. \$5.00; Edison W. M. S. \$5.00; Carnegie \$5.00; Coleman \$5.00; Blakely \$10.00; W. H. Tew \$5.00; Cuthbert \$10.00; Cuthbert Sunday School \$10.00; Shellman \$20.00; Salem \$5.00; cash collection \$17.60.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Devotional service led by Rev. B. S. Railey.

Treasurer's report read by Clerk and referred to Auditing Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dan W. Hammack, Treasurer, in Acct. with Bethel Association
 Oct. 30, 1915. To cash from Finance Committee\$182.51
 Nov. 5, 1915. By check to Dr. A. C. Cree\$107.51
 Nov. 5, 1915. By check to W. W. Fleming, Clerk 75.00

\$182.51 \$182.51

Vouchers attached. Respectfully submitted,
 DAN W. HAMMACK, Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report and vouchers examined and found correct
 by your Auditing Committee. Respectfully submitted,
 R. G. SMITH,
 V. L. McTYER,
 T. O. LAWRENCE. Committee.

On motion clerk cast the ballot of the Association for Bro.
 A. P. Hatcher for Treasurer.

Report on Orphan's Home read by Bro. J. W. Martin. (See
 Doc. No. 10.) Discussed by B. S. Railey, W. D. Hammock, A.
 C. Cree and A. C. Wellons. Report adopted.

Report of Executive Committee read by Bro. H. N. Mas-
 sey, the Secretary. (See Doc. No. 11.) Spoken to Bro. J. W.
 Stanford, who called for a collection to make up a deficit in
 the associational expense fund, by Bros. B. S. Railey and J. G.
 Black. Report adopted.

Report on Nominations read by J. W. Stanford. (See
 Doc. 12.) Report adopted.

Report on Digest of Letters read by Bro. R. G. Smith. (See
 Doc 13.) Spoken to by Bros. R. G. Smith and C. J. Taylor.

Wednesday Night Session.

The session was given over to a discussion of Laymen's
 Work.

Bro. J. W. Stanford spoke on "The Laymen's Call," Bro. E.
 B. Fields on "The Layman and His Bible," Bro. H. E. Ham-
 mock on "The Layman and Service," Bro. J. D. Gunn on "The
 Layman and His Money," and Bro. A. L. Miller on "The Lay-
 man's Duty on His Church."

Motion adopted to set apart 20 minutes tomorrow imme-
 diately after report on Obituaries for a memorial to memory of
 Rev. T. M. Thomas.

Thursday Morning Session.

Devotional services led by J. A. J. Dumas.

Report of Trustees of Bethel College was read by Bro. J. W. Stanford. (See Doc. No. 14.) Report adopted.

Auditing Committee reported favorably on correctness of Treasurer's Report, which was adopted.

Finance Committee reported as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the Finance Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

State Missions	\$64.70
Home Missions	8.63
Foreign Missions	5.50
Orphan's Home	26.91
Ministerial Relief	2.75
Georgia Baptist Hospital .....	.25
Ministerial Education .....	.25
Clerk and Minutes	74.50

Total \$183.51

A. P. HATCHER,

J. M. TAYLOR,

H. T. SINGLETON, Committee.

Report on Obituaries read. (See Doc. 15.) Report was adopted.

Memorial tributes to Rev. T. M. Thomas were spoken to by Rev. H. N. Massey, Rev. H. M. Melton, Bro. J. W. Stanford and Rev. J. G. Black. The memorial services closed with a prayer for Bro. Thomas' loved ones by Rev. J. A. J. Dumas. A resolution was adopted instructing the clerk to set apart a page in the minutes and print Bro. Thomas' portrait thereon.

The chair announced the following standing committees, which were confirmed:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Home Missions—H. N. Massey, W. L. Paullin, E. J. Hobbs.

State Missions—H. M. Melton, L. F. Murray, W. O. Crumbley.

Foreign Missions—J. A. J. Dumas, Joe Ray, J. M. Balkcom.

Sunday Schools—J. G. Corley, E. S. Collins, Walter Hodges.

Temperance—J. G. Black, M. C. Sheffield, M. L. Holway.

Orphan's Home—E. T. Dawson, J. P. Sauls, J. H. Mc-Lendon.

Education—J. W. Stanford, A. P. Hatcher, J. D. Gunn.

Denominational Literature—J. L. Claxton, H. T. Singleton, N. H. Ingram.

Ministerial Relief—J. N. Massey, J. C. Joiner, J. A. Sheppard.

Woman's Work—C. C. Davison J. P. Sauls, J. W. Fellows.

Obituaries—J. M. Taylor, H. F. Melton, H. M. Langston.

Time and Place—C. J. Taylor, J. W. Stanford, H. E. Hammock.

Hospital—J. W. Martin, Z. T. Nichols, J. R. Perry.

Auditing—R. G. Smith, V. L. McTyler, W. H. Rish.

Made arrangements for printing of minutes. Pay Clerk \$25.00 and authorize him to have minutes printed, sending cost to executive committee, who were to raise remainder if more money needed.

Committee on Time and Place was read by C. J. Taylor as follows and adopted:

Your Committee on Time and Place, respectfully submits the following: Time, Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October 1917; Place—We recommend that the selecting of a place be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee and that they notify the churches as soon as selection is made.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. TAYLOR, Chairman,

J. W. STANFORD.

Report on Temperance read by C. J. Taylor. (See Document No. 16.) Report adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Stanford, the body adopted the following resolution of thanks by a rising vote:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Thanks are due and are hereby tendered the pastor and members of the Fort Gaines church, and the citizens of the entire city for their unbounded hospitality to every delegate and visitor to this Association.

The Association adjourned. At 11 o'clock the closing sermon was preached by Rev. C. C. Davison.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Document No. 1.

Report on B. Y. P. U.

Young people's work in the South is comparatively new, having been begun as a definite organization in 1895. It is still newer in Bethel Association. The need that the B. Y. P. U. fills, however, has been felt for a long time, and be it said to our shame, that we have been so long in trying to fill that need.

The Baptist Young People's Union is the Baptist church at work, in, for and among its young people; or it is a Baptist church doing for its young members what the seminary does for young preachers. Is there not a great need for this among our young Baptists?

Southern Baptists can well boast of their strength numerically. 2,500,000 soldiers, but very few trained for active service. Not nearly all are able to give a reason for their being Baptists. So many are called Christians, but unable to defend Christianity.

Within our Association there are about 4,000 Baptists, every one of us needing training, more or less. It is safe to estimate that one-sixth of this number should be enlisted in B. Y. P. U. work. According to the letters sent in, there are only 12 unions in our bounds, with a membership of about 225. In our whole State there are 450 unions with a membership of 15,000.

The Bethel was organized into an Association March 24 1916, when messengers from six churches came together at Fort Gaines. For two days our State Secretary, F. H. Leavell, was with us teaching the manual. Inspirational addresses were given between class periods by local pastors and Walter Binns, of Atlanta, who is now attending Mercer.

The Associational organization is upon the same basis as the individual union idea: one president and four vice-presidents in different sections. Our organization has not been perfected as yet, as we have only two vice-presidents, Miss Opal Payne of Shellman and J. L. Claxton of Edison.

The next annual meeting will be held at Shellman on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, 1916. If your church has a union, be sure to send messengers.

Let us work and pray that our young people may get proper training. Respectfully submitted,

H. N. MASSEY,
Pres. B. Y. P. U. of Bethel Association.

Report on Denominational Literature.

In these days of specializing along all lines it hardly seems necessary to call attention to the special helps along denominational activities. The farmer has his paper, the physician his journal the minister his helps and the undertaker his trade reports. How very important, then, that those who would carry on the Lord's business should study their line of work and make themselves efficient. With the abundance of material at hand we are limited by the short space at our command to the mention of only a few of our helps.

First of all, we should study the Bible. Some one has said, "Beware of the man of one book," and the study of the Bible will give one a liberal education of itself. In the study of the Bible we should avail ourselves of the time and talents of others who have applied themselves to this line of work. In the definite study of the Bible in the Bible School, the helps provided by our Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., are suited to all ages and classes and are eminently satisfactory. The Board would be glad to send samples and catalogues to any one wanting definite information. For the general work of the denomination in the State, the Christian Index furnishes ample information and should be in the hands of every one desiring to keep in touch with the outlook. The sisters of the W. B. M. U. need no suggestion from us as to their literature, as they are, all the time on the outlook and pushing the study of their periodicals and books for mission study. This is merely an introduction and, doubtless, the other speakers will fully elaborate the subject. Respectfully submitted,

L. A. DUGGAN, Chairman.

Report on Woman's Work.

When the Woman's Missionary Union was adopted as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention it was with a great deal of misgiving on the part of some of the brethren that this work should be so recognized. The marvelous growth of the Union, the great work that they have done and are doing is a vital answer to every objection that might have been put forward.

In the constitution of the Union of Bethel Association we find that the purpose of the organization is to stimulate interest in Missions and aid in the collection of funds to be spent in Missionary purposes by our Boards. Let us see what has been

done in the Bethel Association in carrying out this purpose.

In stimulating there are 791 members of the union, and all of these are directly interested in the cause of missions. Since the association last met there have been 172 new members enrolled into the different societies. Truly this advance should be highly gratifying to the members of the Union and should be the means of inspiration to every church in the bounds of our Association.

As to the collection of funds for missionary purposes, they have exceeded the expectations and the Woman's Missionary Union now sends more money to our Boards than the entire Boards raised when the Union was recognized by our Convention. The progress of the Union in Bethel Association can be seen from the following figures. In the year 1914 they gave the total of \$1679.24. In 1915 they reported a total of \$2555.78 and in this year's report they bring the total to \$2656.00. We see that they have fulfilled the purpose of their organization.

Our Woman's Union has done more than that for which they were organized. They have shown to Southern Baptists and to all the world a perfected organism, with every part performing its function, and have kept this organism with all its parts subject to the Father, relying on Him at all times and also giving to Him all the praise and glory.

Let us, brethren not only give to these consecrated women our support and our prayers, but also learn from them the lesson of more system, more prayer, more subjection to divine guidance. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY MELTON, Chairman.

Document No. 4.

Report on Ministerial Relief.

We have great cause to be grateful to our Heavenly Father, that of the forty-two aged ministers and twenty-eight widows receiving help from our State Mission Board, not one of them is within the bounds of the Bethel Association. While this is true, it should not lessen but rather stimulate our contributions to this fund. The amount paid is an average of less than seven dollars per month. This is too little.

God has left these faithful servants of His with us for our careful keeping, that we might be constantly reminded of our duty to Him for He has said: "Inasmuch as ye do this unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto me."

If He was through with them, in this world, He would take them home to be with Him in glory. As long as they are

left with us it should be our pleasure to contribute liberally to their support. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Document No. 5.

Report on Religious Education.

To the Bethel Baptist Association:

Original, individual thinkers are what the church of God needs today, and there is no way of obtaining them except through religious education. We need laymen and ministers who can think, will think, and do think, for themselves, not only in their daily life but for God, and of God.

The trouble with us is, that most of us are copyists—we are eternally thinking the thoughts of some one else and doing the things which we have seen some one else do; when, in fact, we should speak out in the clean, clear brilliance of original thinkers and as servants and workers of our Master. When our Educational Systems shall turn out men and women with that qualification, then soon will the Greatness of God, and the development of His kingdom, be assured, not only to our United States, but to all the Nations of the World.

The purpose of education is to learn people how to think, when to think, and what to think. May I not ask the question, are we getting that result from the system of education we now have? Think of it our General Assembly appropriates two million, five hundred thousand dollars annually to our Public Schools, and other large sums to higher education, aside from the funds donated for Denominational Education. Are we getting value received, or are we just simply learning men how to make more money, or commercialize the world instead of christianizing it.

The promotion of the Kingdom of God must be accomplished through men and women trained to and with the belief that knowing the Master and recognizing Him as the source of all knowledge, is the only real education, and that there is in fact no education unless there is absolute recognition of the dependence of man upon the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Education is the learning how to recognize and respect the rights and liberties of others without destroying or molesting the good. That kind of education is what we must have and what we shall have if we determine as the servants and workers of our Master that we will make no compromise with ourselves or others, in advancing religious education.

We are already in possession of the means to advance re-

ligious education in that we have Mercer University for young men, Bessie Tift and Shorter College for young women, and numerous other high schools for both boys and girls, they together with our seminaries claim not only our patronage, but our donations. So, let's see to it that Baptists give their boys and girls to these schools and colleges that are operated and managed by Baptists for Baptists. If we expect results from our schools and colleges we have got to back them up, not by talk, but by material acts. In this day and time society is demanding men and women whose hearts shall be likewise educated as the mind, so that the best will be obtainable for humanity by individuals.

BEN M. TURNIPSEED, Chairman.

Document No. 6.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following report: From the letters sent up by the churches we glean some interesting facts, which we contrast with last year's report: We find it impossible to make a full report, because out of the 46 churches composing the Association, we have reports at present from only 37. From these we find that there are 30 schools, having 233 officers and teachers, with an enrollment of 2126 pupils. We are sorry to note that the average attendance is only 67 per cent of the total enrollment and that the number of church members is only 45 per cent of the enrollment. Yet this is a far better report than was made last year.

We have also to regretfully note that the number of baptisms from the schools were only 126. This is a decrease of 22 as compared with last year.

We are pleased to report that the number in the Teacher's Training Classes has far outdistanced last year's report. Then there were only 8; this year there were 31. The Association has three A-1 standard schools—Cuthbert, Arlington and Shellman.

The financial statistics show that our schools have expended for home purposes \$2215.22, an increase of \$703.79 over the last report. But in benevolences they show a decrease of \$779.36 as against \$966.41 for last year. The totals are this year \$2477.84, an increase of \$516.74.

Recommendations

1. That the Sunday School Secretaries be more careful in itemizing the data for the Associational letters.

2. That our schools stress Teacher's Training Classes.
3. That our officers and teachers give more earnest attention to teaching missions and the duty of giving to their support.
4. That each school inaugurate and persistently prosecute a campaign to enlist the church members in their work.

JOHN G. BLACK, for the Committee.

Document No. 7.

Report on Home Missions.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report:

Missions may be divided into four groups, Associational, State, Home and Foreign. Home Missions cover the Southern Baptist Convention territory. There is great need for Home Missions, as there is a large per cent of people in our towns and cities that never go inside of a church. These are our own people and our churches and pastors can not reach them. But when the missionary comes among them they will give him a hearing.

There is also a large number of foreigners now among us. These bring their ideas with them and this is especially true about their religion. Remember that all of them are immortal and must spend eternity somewhere, and that they are all sinners by nature and by practice and that nothing can save them but the gospel of Jesus. And for the gospel to save it must be believed, and to believe it must be heard, and to be heard it must be preached, and to be preached the preacher must be sent and those that have the gospel are the ones to send it, and there are no other people that hold the gospel as the Baptists do; and therefore it is their duty to send it. Our love for God ought to move us to do so, and when we remember how much it has done for us we ought to be glad to send it.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Georgia, has for seventy-one years been the exponent of our united Southern Baptist body for saving our own land. The story of the achievements of its missionaries in bringing lost men to Christ surpasses that of any similar agency in America. Last year the number of baptisms reported by its workers was 43,792 and the number brought into the churches was 71,386. After the Negro baptisms are counted out, twenty per cent of the baptisms reported by Southern Baptist churches last year were by missionaries supported wholly or in part by the Home Mission Board and thir-

teen per cent by missionaries supported by no other agency than the Home Mission Board.

At the same time, our Board, through its Enlistment Department and Mission Schools and otherwise, is doing each year a larger work of developing the unplanted life in our churches—which is missions and which is today one of the most strenuous and appealing tasks that still confronts us. Baptists both count and weigh but the very largeness of our successful outreach has made for us an intensive task which may well cause us to tremble with a sense of responsibility, while it should also make us rejoice with a realization of our almost unmatched opportunity.

For the first time in many years our Board reported at the last Convention a significant debt of \$72,000. At the same time if the \$102,000 be counted which was raised in cash and subscriptions during the year for the Church Building Loan Fund, the record for the year was more than \$50,000 above the year preceding.

Deeply impressed with the large and crying needs which are to be met in the present year, our Board, at the Annual Meeting in May was not daunted. The debt was put in the budget of the present year. Some retrenchment was necessary where retrenchment cut to the quick, but our Board felt that it must do what it believed the churches would have to do, and is confident that the present year's work will surpass even the splendid record of the past year.

Cuba, Panama, Co-operative Missions, Evangelism, Church Building, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Educational Publicity, Enlistment—each of these names covers great and needed activities in the Board—some larger than others—all essential. In this report it is impossible to tell of all these tasks, but this is done in the Board's admirable tracts and Annual Report, which may be had for the asking.

We recommend:

1. That our churches be encouraged and urged to order and make a larger use of the Board's free tracts on Home Missions and of its admirable Mission Study Books, suitable either for classes the general reader, or for use in prayer meeting talks and sermons. These books sound a needed note of denominational loyalty.

2. That subscribers be gotten in every church for The Home and Foreign Mission Magazine, to be published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

3. Inasmuch as our Board is not making an extra appeal

to raise the balance of the debt, we feel that each of our churches should be all the more determined to raise its full apportionment for Home Missions and that the money should be raised and sent in regularly, rather than at the close of the year.

4. To this end we recommend that the Association adopt as its apportionment \$....., the amount suggested by our State Apportionment Committee, and that our executive committee (or a special committee) be requested to apportion this among the churches.

J. G. CORLEY, Chairman.

Document No. 8.

Report on Foreign Missions.

A comparison of the Foreign Mission Report of the Southern Baptist Convention of 1916, with that of former years, shows that the past year has been one of unprecedented advance at home and one of triumphant success in the fields beyond the seas. The total amount of cash raised including the \$180,000.00 debt and \$288,401.13 on the Judson Centennial Fund of \$1,250,000.00, which was completed if we count unpaid subscriptions, was \$806,729.00; \$598,638.05 was expended for current support of the work, while only \$505,485.77 was sent in by our churches for this purpose. When we deduct the amount taken out for expenses of the State Boards only \$478,772.01 actually reached the Foreign Board for current support. For the salaries of secretaries, office expenses, campaign and missionaries at home only 8.3 per cent was required. So we see that about 92c out of every dollar that reaches the Board actually gets on the foreign field. This is better than that reported by any other Board in America. The deficit of \$26,713.76 brought the current debt up to \$180,000.00, which was raised in June and July of this year. Of this amount our Association gladly contributed about \$400.00 of the \$12,294.12 sent up by the State of Georgia. In current support of the work we find Georgia has come back to second place again. Virginia leads with \$76,243.54; Georgia gave \$51,651.65; North Carolina \$51,148.62, and Texas \$41,700.02. Of this amount Bethel Association gave last year \$10,425.2, while this year the gifts amount to \$1399.32, an increase of \$356.81, which, however, includes gifts to the debt and to the Judson Fund.

Last year we had 298 missionaries; this year we have 315—133 men and 182 women. During the year 6,471 converts were

baptized and 77 churches were constituted. We have 42,632 members in 459 churches, 94 of which are self-supporting. Tithing is a test of fellowship in many churches and in Brazil the gifts amounted to \$5.72 per member. These churches have their own associations and home and foreign mission boards. Twenty-two new missionaries were sent out, but the fields are calling for 156 more now. Besides the churches mentioned, we have 462 Sunday schools, with 10,490 pupils, 453 mission schools with 13,531 students. Of these six are Women's Bible Training Schools with 200 students, ten are Theological Seminaries with 191 students. We also have 19 medical missionaries, nine hospitals and ten dispensaries. These physicians treated 74,866 patients last year.

We heartily and prayerfully urge that our churches make use of the large number of free tracts published by our Board at Richmond; also that the consolidated magazine, *The Home and Foreign Field* be widely read, that mission study classes be organized for both men and women, that we continue to observe Missionary Day in our Sunday Schools and that we teach missions in sermons and rallies. We further recommend that we enable our work to keep out of debt by having in all churches every-member canvasses and urge every member to pay his part systematically and regularly and that funds be forwarded at least monthly to our State Board of Missions in Atlanta.

Baptists were pioneers in Missionry, Bible and Sunday School Work. We have advanced; others follow. We must not lose our leadership. Respectfully submitted,

C. C. DAVISON, Chairman,
A. P. HATCHER,
L. A. DUGGAN, Committee.

Document No. 9.

Our State Work, Including State Missions.

State Missions is fundamental in all our work. It is the base of supplies. The State Board is the means of coherency among Georgia Baptists. We need to augment the influence of the State Board in order that Baptists from every part of the State shall be brought into sympathy and helpful relation to every other part of the State.

State Missions is in obedience to Christ's commission to His disciples: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea." The churches of the State are endeavoring

oring through the Mission Board to do all the work required by our Master throughout our bounds. Jesus says: "Heal the sick." We are trying to do this in a Christian way through the Georgia Baptist Hospital. As Baptists we have been slow and reluctant to engage in this most gracious work. We recommend that the churches of our Association give more systematically and largely to the Georgia Baptist Hospital. We are told by Jesus to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. We are doing this through our Orphan's Home. Boys and girls bereft of parents and home are taken out, fed and clothed and taught to be useful citizens. Many boys and girls reared in the Orphan's Home become good citizens and they in after years will rise up and call Georgia Baptists "blessed."

We are trying to carry out the command of Jesus: "Make disciples." The evangelistic department of our work is reaching the unsaved by the hundreds every year. We pray that the Mission Board will not relax its energies in this department for next year. Many churches through this department of our work have been brought from an almost moribund condition to a place of commanding power and influence in the State.

It is the work of the Board to aid churches and pastors in strategic places and centers in our State. The Board helped the churches at Cordele, Tifton and Moultrie during the days of their infancy. These are now strong, virile churches giving largely to all the work we foster.

We do some work along the line of "Ministerial Relief." This is to aid aged and infirm ministers and their wives. A man would be cruel to work a horse hard to old age and turn him out to starve. May our denomination never let our dependent servants snivel and suffer like a dog in their old age. Many of these old men during the days of their active ministry laid the foundation for our present prosperity and progress. We have not mentioned every interest our Board fosters, but enough to refresh your pure minds by way of remembrance that our organized work is fundamental and necessary.

Our Board has had a debt for some years that has acted as an incubus. We pray that Georgia Baptists will step to the cal of our valiant secretary and free the Board from debt and that all the bells of our heart may be put to ringing.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. J. DUMAS, Chairman.

Document No. 10.

Report on Orphan's Home.

From a standpoint of accomplishment, the past 12 months have been very successful with the orphanage. The average number of children has been about 245. The trustees have been forced to make various improvements, as the denomination has sent more children than it had room for. Among these improvements is a large brick dormitory, known as the "Hester Blalock Cottage." This building took the place of the old wooden structure. The baby boys now have a comfortable building in which to live.

The schools are doing work from the kindergarten through the eighth grade. The schools and telegraphy class are accomplishing all that could be expected.

The 50 acre farm, cultivated by the large boys, furnished all the vegetables needed during the summer.

We find that this institution is not a place where boys and girls merely eat, sleep, go to church and school. Every one above five years of age has some kind of regular duty to perform each day some doing real work.

The girls are taught housekeeping, sewing, mending, laundry, nursing, etc. The boys are taught farming, engineering, carpentering and painting. When the seventh or eighth grade is finished, they are sent out as telegraph operators or some other useful occupation.

It has not been so many years ago that there was no thought given to children. Fathers and mothers looked upon them as a kind of necessary incumbrance, thought so little of them that they were sometimes destroyed.

Never was the world interested in the child until the Man of Galilee took them up in his arms and blessed them and called attention to the fact that "of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Our Scriptures go so far as to say that "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction."

We now have 250 children in the Georgia Baptist Orphanage at Hapeville. These come from every section of the State, not an unworthy one there. We as Baptists adopted them as our own, we are fathers and mothers unto these helpless children. In taking them we have taken the responsibility of rearing them unto lives of usefulness. We should not feel that this is a burden but should know that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

During the past year the Baptists have not rallied as they

should to this, one of our most worthy enterprises. The children must eat and wear clothes every day. We have failed to send sufficient money to feed and make the necessary improvements. The trustees have been forced to go in debt several thousand dollars. The debt at this time is \$27,000.

The indebtedness is a very small one considering our ability, but our ability to do will not pay this debt, nor will it continue to feed these helpless children. We must go back to our homes and lay the condition of our Orphanage on the heart of Baptist constituency, take up cash collection and forward to the Home at once.

On December 9th we will have what is known as In-Gathering-Day for the Orphanage. Every church is asked to do its very best to lift this indebtedness. We should obey the call of the Master and make this one of the greatest days in our Orphanage work. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. MARTIN.

Document No. II.

Report of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has endeavored to carry out the plans and policies of the Association since its last annual meeting in Shellman.

Local Baptist churches are organized into Associations that they may do a more definite, systematic and combined work for the advancement of the Kingdom of our Master. Forty-six churches, with a membership of 4,500, are thus banded together in the Bethel Association that we all may move unitedly as a strong band to help win souls to Christ and train them for service. During the past year your committee has tried to touch and help toward duty and God as many churches and individuals as possible, by educational programs in rally and enlistment work.

The Mission of the church is to win the world for Christ. In order to do this those who bear his name should be trained and enlisted for active participation in the campaign. So long as such a large number of the Baptists of Bethel Association remain ignorant of how the Lord's work is carried on, so long as many are uninterested in the broader work of the world field and so long as there are hundreds of Christian soldiers unenlisted in actual service, our Association will not do its part in the world conquest. 4,500 men and women, boys and girls, saved from sin, to an eternal life. What an army if we were all trained and enlisted in the duties assigned us by the Captain

of our Salvation! With these facts in view, the Committee began and closes its year's work.

The first meeting was called October 28, 1915, while the previous annual association was in session at Shellman, at which time the general plans were proposed for the year's work ahead of us. With few exceptions, we have met once each month to discuss plans and outline work. The first thing done was the dividing of the Association into districts making one for each of the five members of your Committee; the duty of each Committeeman being to co-operate with the pastors and churches in every way possible for the advancement of the Kingdom; then the getting out the apportionment card and mailing one to each church. During the year, beginning at Leary on Wednesday, January 5th, and closing at Damascus on October 12th, educational and enlistment rallies have been held in the following churches. Leary, Garnersville, Mt. Vernon, Providence, Sowhattee, Enterprise, Elam, New Bethel, Herod and Damascus. These programs include two sessions, one at night, at which a stereoptican lecture on some phase of mission work was given and the other on the following day, when Sunday Schools, methods of financing the kingdom, evangelism, Baptist Literature, B. Y. P. U. and Woman's Work were discussed. All of these were well attended and the churches and people were very appreciative of the efforts made in their behalf.

May 25, in many respects, was a very important day in the life of the Bethel Association, when laymen and ministers from all over our territory assembled with Edison church in a Get-Together-Meeting. On that day we had Dr. A. C. Cree, who presented the condition of the State Board; Dr. J. G. Harrison, Secretary of Board of Education of Georgia, and Dr. J. M. Long, who spoke briefly on our Hospital. After these the laymen spoke freely on their attitude toward these causes and the work of the kingdom in general. Teams from Edison and Coleman volunteered for service under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Accepting the invitation of the committee Dr. Long came into the following churches with a lecture on the Georgia Baptist Hospital—Edison Shellman, Cuthbert, Fort Gaines, Herod and Coleman.

When the campaign came on for raising the Foreign Mission debt, the members of the committee volunteered to take the task upon themselves to go into the churches of their districts and make appeals. About \$275.00 was raised.

During the year the committee recommended that the State Board give \$186.00 of its building fund to Sowhatchee church; \$67.00 to Mt. Ararat; \$800 to Blakely church and \$50 during the next year to apply on the pastor's salary at Milford. As a loan from the Bethel College Fund through our recommendation, Oscar Brewer received \$50.00 to partly defray his expenses at Mercer; J. A. Bone \$105.00 for part of Locust Grove expenses, and Miss Yarborough \$150.00 for musical training at Shorter.

For Associational Missions there has come into the treasury \$80.87. The expenses have been:

To S. S. Board for large black board	\$ 4.45
To printer for apportionment cards	3.08
To B. S. Railey, traveling expenses	12.83
To J. G. Black, traveling expenses	25.52
To J. L. Claxton, traveling expenses	5.93
To J. A. J. Dumas, traveling expenses	10.02
To J. P. Sauls, traveling expenses .....	.60
To H. N. Massey, traveling expenses	20.00
To express company, home board slides .....	.92
To express company foreign board slides	1.92
To foreign board, rental	1.00
To printer posters and program men's meeting	4.15
To W. R. Puckett, gas for lantern	3.00
To printer for program for association	2.25
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Total	\$95.67
Less	80.87
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Deficit	\$14.80

We are encouraged at the reports from the various churches, but recommend that the slogan for our Master's work next year be "Let's make 1917 the greatest yet;" that the churches follow the schedule as closely as possible gotten out by our State Board and try to regulate their contributions according to the apportionment card.

We further recommend that at our next annual meeting there be added to our usual reports one on our hospital in Atlanta, and that during the coming year the churches throughout our bounds invite the committee to hold rallies with them. We want to serve you as best we can.

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. MASSEY, Secretary.

Document No. 12.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Doctrinal Sermon—C. C. Davison; alternate, H. N. Massey.

Missionary Sermon—H. M. Melton; alternate, J. P. Sauls.

Delegates to State Convention—J. G. Black, J. W. Martin, J. W. Stanford, H. N. Massey, J. A. J. Dumas, C. C. Davison, H. M. Melton, A. L. Miller, J. D. Gunn, A. P. Hatcher, C. J. Taylor, J. L. Claxton.

Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention—H. N. Massey; alternate, C. C. Davison.

Trustees Bethel College for five years—J. W. Stanford, chairman, L. A. Duggan Secretary-Treasurer; J. W. Martin, W. O. Taylor, C. C. Davison.

Executive Committee—J. G. Black, Chairman, J. A. J. Dumas, H. N. Massey, C. C. Davison, J. L. Claxton.

We desire to call attention to the fact that the Executive Committee is the standing committee on programs, made so by the Association at Carnegie, and they are expected to have prepared a provisional program each session of the Association.

J. W. STANFORD,
BEN M. TURNIPSEED
R. L. JENKINS.

Document No. 13.

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters.

We, your committee on Digest of Letters, beg to submit the following: Out of 46 churches within the Association, 25 churches reported 222 baptisms, a decrease of 52 since last report. Of the total number of 222 baptisms 131 come reported from the Sunday Schools. Out of 46 churches, 19 reported no Sunday Schools. From the compiled reports to the Association we find an increase of church membership of 238 members. This report compared with the published digest of last report, shows a decrease of 655 members, which discrepancy seems due to carelessness of Clerks in making their reports.

R. G. SMITH, Chairman,

Document No. 14.

Report of Trustees of Bethel College.

The Board of Trustees of Bethel College offers the following report: The vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. B. S. Railey was filled by the election of Rev. C. C. Davison.

The college building is rented to the Board of Education of the City of Cuthbert for three years, at a rental of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) per year, and the Board of

Education is to make the necessary repairs and improvements. Some improvements have already been made.

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

To cash on hand last report	\$ 3.50	
Nov. 2, 1915. To check from Board of Education	100.00	
Jan. 4, 1916. To check from Board of Education	200.00	
Jan. 15, 1916. To cash from city warrant	1018.58	
Total receipts		\$1322.08
Nov. 30, 1915. By insurance on building	\$ 56.25	
Jan. 4, 1916. By interest paid bank .....	.90	
By amount paid F. A. Bone	33.00	
By amount paid Oscar Brewer	118.00	
By amount paid J. A. Bone	138.00	
By amount paid Leslie Yarbrough	300.00	
By balance on hand	675.93	
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	\$1322.08	\$1322.08

We have two young ministerial students at Mercer, Oscar Brewer and F. A. Bone; one at Locust Grove, preparing for Mercer, and one young lady at Shorter College Miss Elsie Yarbrough, perfecting herself in music and voice culture.

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman,

REV. C. C. DAVISON,

REV. JOHN W. MARTIN,

W. O. TAYLOR,

L. A. DUGGAN, Sec.-Treasurer.

Document No. 15.

Report on Obituaries.

Into our midst has come the grim monster Death, since last we met, and has claimed for his own many of our loved ones. We bow our heads and shed sympathizing tears. We should rejoice that the influence of these Christian characters came into our lives.

Rev. T. M. Thomas, on the 23rd of May, 1916, answered his Master's call, passing from his home in Arlington, Ga., into his heavenly home. He was a pastor in our Association for about two and one-half years. We, as a body, felt the power of his deep spiritual life and missionary zeal. While at Howard College he heard the call of God to enter the ministry and that still small voice said, "Go ye into all the world;" again he said, "Here am I send me." After two years at the seminary in Louisville he was appointed under our Foreign Board to Souchou, China. Just before sailing in 1904 he was married to

Miss Annie Mae Griffith, of Louisiana, who was also a volunteer to China. After two years on the field they had to return home on account of failure of their health. He served as pastor in Texas 3 1-2 years and in Alabama 3 years. He leaves a wife and small child to mourn his death. In the going away of this noble servant of God, there was deep sorrow, not only in our midst, but also in his former fields—Alabama, and even in the dark land of China, where he labored in our Master's cause.

Servant of God, well done,
 Rest from thy loved employ
 The battle fought, the victory won—
 Enter thy Master's joy.

J. N. MASSEE, Chairman.

Document No. 16.

Report on Temperance.

Although Georgia boasts of a prohibition law, although 18 other States of the Union are nominally dry, we have by no means solved the liquor problem, which is such a menace to our civilization and a stumbling block to Christianity. When the United States has national prohibition, which is probable in the near future, we will still have another serious difficulty to overcome, that of eliminating secret distilleries and private distribution. Is this a problem of the church? Does it concern the interests of the kingdom of God? Yes, for everything which blights hope in the human breast, which blasts ideals, which ruins character and destroys the physical mental or spiritual being of man, demands the earnest attention of the forces of righteousness.

Just how to enlist in this campaign against liquor and its influence is a problem to be solved in the light of local conditions. First, know whether there is any liquor in your community, observe closely, and at the opportune time assist in every possible way the civil authorities to bring the alleged evil parties to justice. This procedure is used by all honest citizens, more or less, but unfortunately, too late. The way to work against intemperance is to never allow. Prevent it instead of trying to cure it. Have tracts distributed freely, telling of the evils of alcohol, read books showing the great waste it brings in every way, and make a better and larger use of the Temperance Day in the Sunday School. By this training on the part of teacher and parent, a great deal can be done to eliminate this curse from our land. Respectfully submitted,

C. J. TAYLOR, Chairman.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter.

Article 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in divine perfection.

Article 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

Article 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on the principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

Article 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Article 7. We believe in the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

Article 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by convention in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that it is only proper to have bishops or pastors and deacons.

Article 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

Article 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance; that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given

a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

Article 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resurrection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have

published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association may order through her Executive Committee. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed unless suspended for a special object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions when seconded must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or use unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

Schedule for Churches in the Bethel Association.

(Adopted from "Schedule for Baptists.")

January—Ministerial Education.

February—Home and Foreign Missions

March—Home and Foreign Missions. (Self Denial.)

April—Schools and Colleges. (Training School.)

May—Missions, Margaret Home and S. S. Board.

June—Missions.

July—Ministerial Relief.

August—Missions, Evangelist.

September—State Missions.

October—Orphans' Home.

November—Missions, Frontier Missionary.

December—Missions, Christmas Offering.

Directions for Sending Money.

Collections for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, Schools and Colleges, Orphans' Home should be sent to A. C. Cree, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Atlanta, Ga.

Send collections for printing minutes and paying clerk to Treasurer of your Association.

NOTE—In sending money to A. C. Cree, Secty. and Treasurer, great care should be exercised. If the money is from the church, Sunday School, W. M. S., Y. W. A., Sunbeams or Royal Ambassadors, let it appear so, distinctly. Also let the object or purpose for which the money is contributed be clearly stated. And all of this is next to useless unless the name of the Association is given in the letter in which the money is remitted. Not to give the name of the Association from which the money is sent utterly destroys the plans of the book-keepers in the Board's office where the effort is being made to keep accounts with the Associations.

No funds should ever be sent to the Association which are afterwards to be sent to the Boards.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. L. Claxton	Edison, Ga.
J. G. Corley	Route 1, Blakely, Ga.
John G. Black	Shellman, Ga.
E. S. Cheshire	Route 3, Blakely, Ga.
E. T. Dawson	Jakin, Ga.
C. C. Davison	Cuthbert, Ga.
J. A. J. Dumas	Blakely, Ga.
J. E. Dykes	Fort Gaines, Ga.
W. D. Hammock	Coleman, Ga.
J. H. Harris	Elmodel, Ga.
John Martin	Shellman, Ga.
John W. Martin	Cuthbert, Ga.
T. M. Mathews	Hilton, Ga.
H. N. Massey	Fort Gaines, Ga.
H. M. Melton	Arlington, Ga.
J. W. Sauls	Shellman, Ga.
J. P. Sauls	Carnegie, Ga.



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To the Memory of Our
Deceased Brother

T. M. THOMAS

This Page Is Affectionately
Dedicated.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. T. M. THOMAS.

Rev. T. M. Thomas was one whose heart yearned for the Master's cause. He loved men and longed to see them saved—not only saved from eternal night, but saved from a life of sin to one of righteousness. He stood for the highest and noblest principles of life and sought in his own quiet and unassuming way to be an inspiration to those with whom he came in contact. He was so modest and retiring that few understood his great heart, and the intense longing of his soul for the planting of righteousness upon the earth. He had a deep love for his churches and labored so faithfully to lead them Godward and heavenward. He wanted to live that he might be of greater service to his Lord, but was submissive to His will.

In the prime of life,
In the activities of day
In the brightness of light,
He was gently called away.

Called to fields of glory
Across the Jasper Sea,
To sing anew the story
That comforts you and me.

Six long months he lingered,
Always patient, gentle and
brave;
Speaking in tones so tender
Of the Christ who came to
save.

His Lord he loved supremely;
Earnestly his glory sought;
He worked and prayed serenely
As wonders for His cause he
wrought.

He was loving, gentle and kind,
Thoughtful, unselfish and
true,
Always seeking the lost to find,
Guiding in the ways of truth.

O, the agony of that hour
When he knew he was no
more;
Could not feel his gentle power
In the home as of yore.

We can not hear his loving
voice,
In gentle tones and low,
Seeking to guide the lost,
And heavenly seed to sow.

But we know that he is reaping
The golden sheaves in glory,
As he was always seeking
To tell the dear old story.

Hushed is thy gentle voice
And vacant is thy chair;
With crushed hearts and eyes
moist,
We wait to meet you there.

Farewell, our darling,
A few more fleeting days
And then will be o'er the
parting
In God's own loving way.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

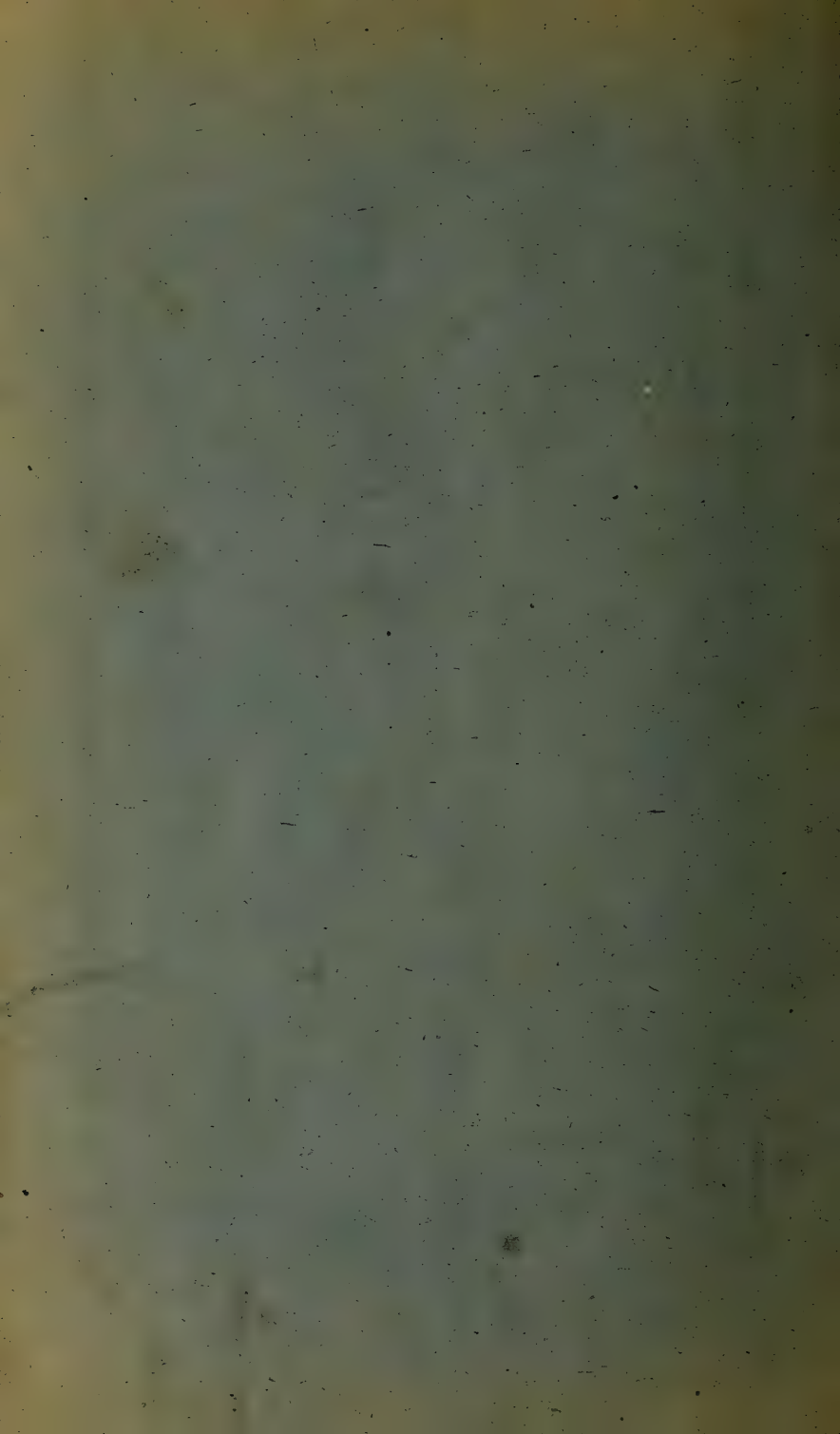
CHURCHES	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P. O.
Antioch	No Report	J. O. English, Arlington
Arlington	H. M. Melton, Arlington	W. F. Lawrence, Milford
Bethany	W. T. Moody, Babcock	J. L. Robinson, Blakely
Bethel	J. E. Dykes, Fort Gaines	J. E. Hudspeth, Cedar Springs
Beulah	E. T. Dawson, Blakely	W. W. Fleming, Blakely
Blakely	J. A. J. Dumas, Blakely	Barney Haisten, Bluffton
Bluffton	H. M. Melton, Arlington	Ross Swann, Carnegie
Carnegie	J. G. Corley, Blakely	C. A. Brown, Columbia
Coleman	J. L. Claxton, Edison	J. C. Balkcom, Blakely
Colomokee	J. G. Corley, Blakely	L. A. Duggan, Cuthbert
Cuthbert	C. C. Davison, Cuthbert	W. O. Crumbley, Damascus
Damascus, Early	W. O. Crumbley, Damascus	J. T. Peak, Cuthbert
Damascus, Randolph	W. D. Hammock, Coleman	John Wood, Doverel
Dover	J. F. Eden, Parrot	H. E. Hammock, Edison
Edison	J. L. Claxton, Edison	J. T. Sauls, Shellman
Elam	J. P. Sauls, Carnegie	W. J. Morgan, Elmodel
Elmodel	J. H. Harris, Elmodel	J. P. Tye, Georgetown
Enon .....	.....	Lester Smith, Rt. 1, Edison
Enterprise .....	.....	Manville Culpepper, Ft. Gai's
Fort Gaines	H. N. Massey, Fort Gaines	W. H. Ferguson, Cuthbert
Friendship	J. G. Corley, Blakely	J. M. Green, Georgetown
Georgetown	No Report	C. M. Harris, Herod
Herod	J. F. Eden, Parrot	Robt. Taylor, Arlington
Hillside	J. H. Harris, Elmodel	Duncan Hall, Rt. 2, Blakely
Hilton	J. I. Quattlebaum, Columbia	B. I. Keel, Leary
Leary	J. L. Claxton, Edison	M. A. Lokey, Hatcher's Sta.
Midway	H. N. Massey, Fort Gaines	J. W. Johnson, Leary
Milford	J. P. Sauls, Carnegie	C. J. Taylor, Morgan
Morgan	J. G. Black, Shellman	J. L. Cumbie, Morris Station
Morris Station .....	.....	H. M. Temples, Blakely
Mt. Ararat	1915 J. I. Quattlebaum, Columbia	Chas. C. Crozier, Ft. Gaines
Mt. Gilead	W. D. Hammock, Coleman	C. E. Dawson, Cuthbert
Mt. Hebron	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	Bunyan Pearce, Ft. Gaines
Mt. Vernon	W. D. Hammock, Coleman	W. F. Gentry, Bluffton
Mt. Zion	J. E. Dykes, Fort Gaines	Harvey L. Page, Cuthbert
New Bethel	J. P. Sauls, Carnegie	W. A. Lindsey, Blakely
New Hope	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	J. W. Scarbrough, Blakely
Pine View	E. T. Dawson, Blakely	J. T. Bruner, Blakely
Providence	J. I. Quattlebaum, Columbia	H. J. Edwards, Shellman
Rehoboth	J. G. Corley, Blakely	W. E. Tanner, Edison
Salem	J. I. D. Miller, Arlington	R. J. Grier, Sasser
Sasser	H. L. Crumbley, Richland	W. H. Wells, Shellman
Shellman	John G. Black, Shellman	A. W. Dawson, Morris Sta.
Shiloh	A. C. Wellons, Plains	J. L. Ricks, Rt. 1, Hilton
Scwhatchee	J. I. Quattlebaum, Columbia	T. M. Davis, Springvale
Springvale	H. L. Driskell, Macon	B. E. Joiner, Coleman
Vilulah	A. C. Wellons, Plains .....	.....

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Total	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan, &c.	Missions Relief	Ga. Baptist Hospital	Schools and Colleges	Ministerial Education	Other Objects	Total	Grand Total
\$ 1.50	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$ 1.50
858.54	70.20	27.25	35.65	16.00	1.00	14.00		2.00	13.00	179.10	1037.64
168.00				2.00						2.00	170.00
101.50	3.80									3.80	105.30
126.00	3.85			5.25						9.10	135.10
2562.30	153.32	66.10	73.84	76.41	3.60	121.50	41.11	13.83	115.85	508.56	3070.86
251.00	23.00	12.31	14.00	29.50	1.00	1.25	7.50	1.25	11.00	96.86	247.86
213.50	13.00	14.00	16.00	8.00	1.00	1.00		1.45		54.45	267.95
574.28	70.00	60.00	61.53	27.18	8.07	12.50	20.50	10.82	31.00	301.60	875.88
270.16	9.07	9.07	9.07	16.17		9.07				52.43	322.61
2706.81	156.86	320.36	445.42	226.94	39.95	30.53	35.21	28.78	122.90	1381.95	4123.76
1.00	7.20	6.00	18.65	1.80	.60	.75	.45	.45	3.75	39.65	40.65
301.92	38.00	17.00	7.34	50.00				2.80	2.50	114.84	416.76
71.50	1.95	1.00	1.35	2.10				1.90		8.30	79.80
769.00	80.52	84.40	175.80	129.24	12.00	39.60	66.44	11.00	8.00	607.00	1376.00
167.00											167.00
75.50	1.00									1.00	76.50
1.50	2.69		4.00	3.81				3.72	2.05	18.27	19.77
367.55	9.00	5.35	12.45	1.00					3.50	31.30	398.85
1508.61	115.87	250.91	114.87	175.24	11.50	30.00	25.00	24.33	60.32	687.44	2196.05
217.50	8.21	8.21	8.21			13.00				37.63	255.13
.50	10.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	.50	.25		.25		25.00	25.50
202.00	38.90	18.40	13.10	27.15	4.99	4.90	.25	.25	2.00	109.85	311.85
130.50	4.20									4.20	134.70
82.00	2.00	2.00		2.00		2.00				8.00	90.00
242.00	20.88	7.50	19.86	5.60	1.00	4.30	3.81		17.50	80.45	322.45
168.49	13.90	88.70	19.05	25.22	2.25	15.08	5.60	4.16	3.65	187.82	357.31
101.50		2.05		1.56						3.55	105.05
238.35										100.00	338.35
154.50	20.00	17.79	31.18	11.84	4.00	12.21	3.84	10.80	10.50	132.16	286.66
655.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	3.00					1.00	10.00	665.00
106.05	5.00	3.50	3.50	9.75	.87	.92	.92	.75	2.25	20.96	127.01
142.15	6.35	4.00		1.00	4.00					18.35	160.50
1.50											1.50
108.20	6.00			44.51						50.51	150.51
389.00										61.00	450.00
223.00	5.00			5.36	2.00					12.36	235.36
162.70	12.25					6.85			3.05	22.15	184.85
.50	3.50									3.50	4.00
254.60	4.00	4.00	6.00	1.00			5.00			23.00	237.60
217.70	8.26	5.00	10.00	7.56	2.50	3.00				36.26	253.96
349.01	38.00	20.00	21.00	46.35	2.00	10.31	1.74	2.00	3.53	144.63	493.64
1375.62	125.00	94.54	291.95	139.17	21.51	25.87	123.05	141.28		953.37	2828.99
136.87	6.51	5.00	5.00	5.00					3.75	25.26	162.13
139.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	3.00		3.10			4.10	19.20	158.20
151.50	3.12	3.01	4.49	3.15	1.75	1.00	3.78	2.01	29.64	51.95	203.45
157.50	11.00	16.00	16.00	16.40					9.00	68.40	225.90
7705.85	\$1114.42	\$1178.45	\$1343.81	\$1078.95	\$125.00	\$262.09	\$344.20	\$263.73	\$446.74	\$6307.21	\$24012.06

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATEMENT

CHURCH	Superintendent	Address	S. S. Enrollment Large as Church Membership	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Average Attendance	Officers Elected
Antioch	No Report							
Arlington	J. M. Giddens	Arlington	No	1	21	203	154	Y
Bethany	O. A. Jordan	Milford	No	1	6	60	35	
Bethel	No Report							
Beulah	E. G. Chambers	Cedar Springs		1				
Blakely	B. R. Collins	Blakely	No	1	16	210	198	Y
Bluffton	J. E. Mansfield	Bluffton	Yes	1	6			
Carnegie	Wike Ivey	Carnegie	No	1	9	85	55	
Coleman	W. H. Joiner	Coleman	No	1	9	100	70	Y
Colomokee	F. B. Melton	Blakely	No	1	6	75	50	Y
Cuthbert	J. D. Gunn	Cuthbert	No	1	20	219	152	Y
Damascus, E.	No Report							
Damascus, R.	C. D. Peak	Cuthbert	No	1	10	57	54	Y
Dover	No Report							
Edison	H. Turner	Edison	No	1	17	130	100	
Elam	J. T. Stewart	Morgan	No	1	4	60	40	N
Elmodel	No School							
Enon	No Report							
Enterprise	A. H. Richardson	Bluffton	No	1	6	46	27	Y
Fort Gaines	W. L. Paullin	Fort Gaines	No	1	14	150	126	Y
Friendship	W. A. Poindexter	Shellman	No	1	5	45	39	Y
Georgetown	No Report							
Herod	J. H. McLendon	Dawson	No	1	6	36	30	Y
Hillside	J. L. Jordan	Arlington	No	1	4	50	45	Y
Hilton	No Report							
Leary	L. S. Jones	Leary		1				
Midway	W. E. Gay	Hatcher's Station	No	1	6	22		N
Milford						5	18	
Morgan	J. R. Taylor	Morgan	No	1	10	130	53	Y
Morris Station	J. L. Cumbie	Morris Station	No	1	5	15	12	Y
Mt. Gilead	Frank Hartley	Fort Gaines	No	1	5	40	25	Y
Mt. Ararat	No Report							
Mt. Hebron	No Report							
Mt. Vernon	No Report							
Mt. Zion	J. B. Goodman	Fort Gaines		1	5	35	25	N
New Bethel	S. H. Page	Cuthbert		1	5	20	20	Y
New Hope	L. C. Houston	Rt. 3, Blakely	No	1	8	70	40	
Pine View	J. Q. Scarborough	Blakely	No	1	7	50		Y
Providence								
Rehoboth	J. E. Henier	Shellman	No	1	6	58	25	Y
Salem								
Sasser	R. J. Grier	Sasser	No	1	11	110	65	N
Snellman	C. P. Payne	Shellman	Yes	1	22	148	96	Y
Shiloh	R. C. Crozier	Morris Station	No	1	6	31	21	
Sowhathee	J. W. Anglin	Blakely	No	1	6	30	25	Y
Springvale	J. D. Oliver	Springvale	No	1	4	20	10	Y
Vilulah	G. W. Coram	Edison		1	6			



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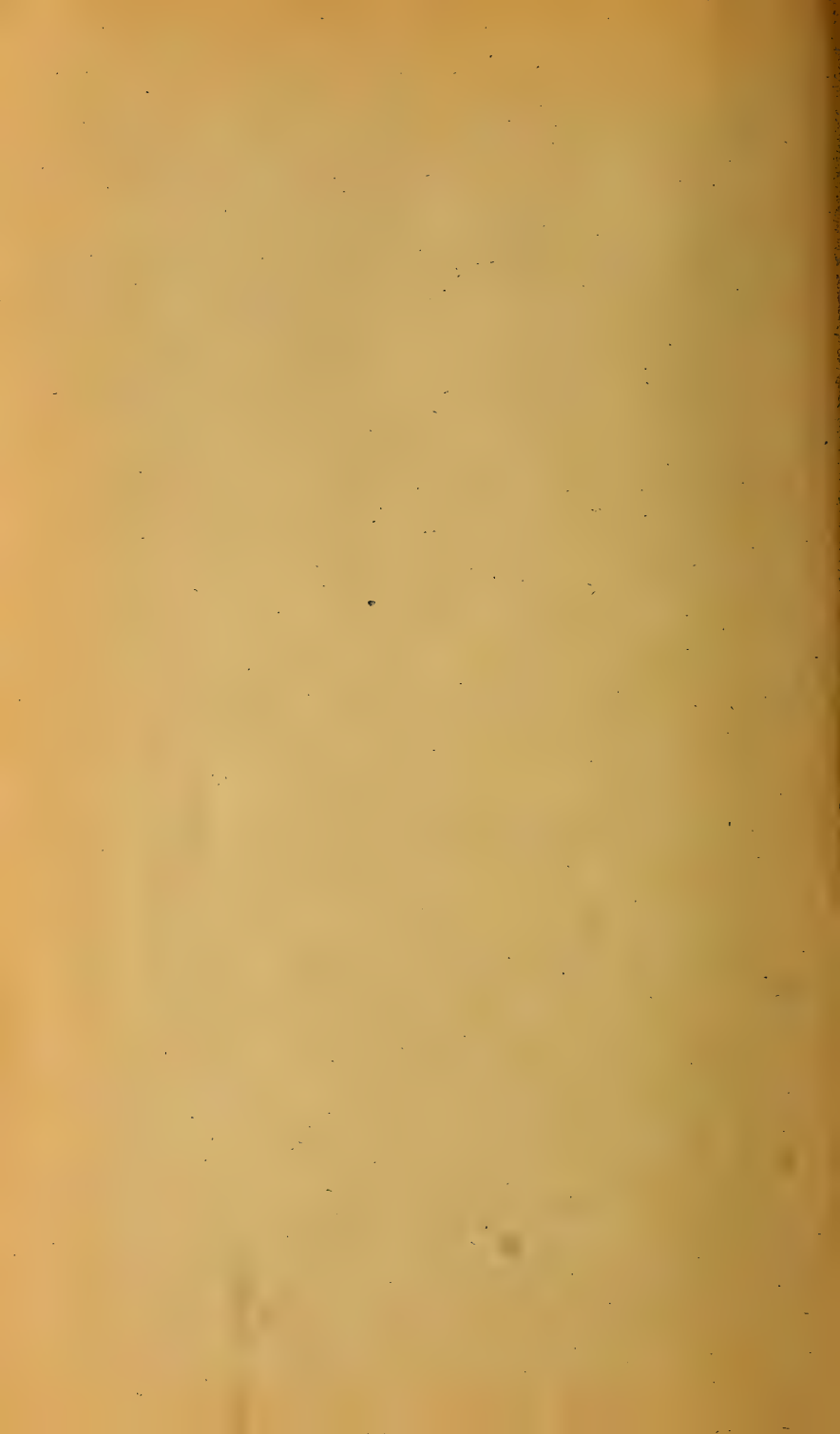
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OFFICERS OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

A. L. Miller, Moderator	Edison, Ga.
W. W. Fleming, Clerk	Blakely, Ga.
A. P. Hatcher, Treasurer	Cuthbert, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. L. Claxton, Chairman	Edison, Ga.
J. A. J. Dumas	Blakely, Ga.
H. N. Massey	Fort Gaines, Ga.
C. C. Davison	Cuthbert, Ga.
H. M. Melton, Secretary-Treasurer	Arlington, Ga.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The next session of Bethel Association will be held beginning Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1917, with the church at Herod.

Doctrinal Sermon, H. N. Massey; alternate, J. P. Sauls.

Missionary Sermon, H. L. Crumbley; alternate, J. G. Corley.

MINUTES

Salem, October 30th, 1917.

The Eighty-Fifth annual session of Bethel Association met this day with the church at Salem.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Jameson. The following messengers were enrolled:

Antioch—Not represented.

Arlington—J. M. Johnson, G. L. Murray, H. M. Melton.

Bethany—W. F. Lawrence, M. C. Lawrence.

Bethel—Frank Dukes.

Beulah—W. R. Hodges.

Blakely—J. A. J. Dumas, B. R. Collins, W. W. Fleming, W. E. Swenson.

Bluffton—J. E. Mansfield, W. T. Hammack, Martin Oliff.

Carnegie—Nelson Fellows.

Coleman—C. A. Brown, W. H. Joiner, A. L. Martin, I. P. Rhodes.

Colomokee—Rev. J. G. Corley, J. M. Balkcom. G. W. Watson.

Cuthbert—A. P. Hatcher, John D. Gunn, C. C. Davison, J. W. Stanford, C. B. King.

Damascus (Early)—E. A. Etheridge.

Damascus (Randolph)—William Sanders.

Dover—By Letter.

Edison—Rev. J. L. Claxton, A. L. Miller, V. L. McTyer, E. L. Smith.

Elam—Charlie Stewart, J. T. Sauls.

Enon—Not represented.

Enterprise—R. G. Smith, Ernest Lee.

Elmodel—L. P. Maynard, J. G. Craft.

Fort Gaines—J. G. Brown, B. M. Mansfield H. N. Massey.

Friendship—W. A. Poindexter, J. T. Faircloth.

Georgetown—By Letter.

Herod—J. H. McLendon, H. F. Melton.

Hillside—Not represented.

Hilton—E. R. McRee, S. W. Sessions, T. M. Mathews.

Leary—B. I. Keel, L. S. Jones, A. L. Cobb.

Midway—R. A. Coleman.

Milford—F. D. Tennell, A. M. Tennell.

Morgan—C. J. Taylor, W. B. Farrow.

Morris Station—J. L. Cumbe, J. B. Oliver.

Mt. Ararat—E. W. Jones, C. A. Belisle.

Mt. Gilead—Frank Hartley, Dr. C. P. Holmes.

Mt. Hebron—J. W. Martin, Emmett Bass, P. B. Hussie.

Mt. Vernon—A. C. Sutton, Travis Findley.

Mt. Zion—J. B. Goodman.

New Bethel—Rev. J. P. Sauls, J. M. Taylor, P. H. Plowden.

New Hope—S. D. Houston, J. R. Lindsey, L. C. Houston.

Pine View—J. Q. Scarbrough.

Providence—J. G. Harrell.

Rehoboth—H. J. Edwards, P. A. Schramm, Hugh Callaway, T. T. Tripp.

Salem—M. L. Halloway, W. B. Joiner, T. O. Lawrence, A. J. Culbreth, W. E. Tanner.

Sasser—R. M. Anthony, W. M. Mount, J. M. Varner, G. T. Varner, J. O. Nowell.

Shellman—J. M. Watts, H. R. Watson, I. A. Martain, Levi Mullins.

Shiloh—Not represented.

Sowhatchee—Watson Ricks.

Springvale—J. N. Massee, T. M. Davis, Will Cobb.

Vilulah—J. T. Roberts.

Organized by re-electing A. L. Miller Moderator and W. W. Fleming Clerk.

The program prepared by the Executive Committee was adopted as the order of business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

9:30 Devotional.

10:00 Organization:

(a) Collection of letters.

(b) Enrolling of messengers.

(c) Election of officers.

Adopt order of business.

Application for membership.

Call for correspondents and visitors.

Appointment of committees.

Announcements.

11:00 Doctrinal Sermon—C. C. Davison.

Noon Recess.

1:30 Report on Denominational Literature.

1:50 Report on Debt-Paying Campaign.

2:20 Report on Food Conservation.

2:40 Report on Hospital.

3:05 Report on Baptist Young People's Union.

3:25 Report on Ministerial Relief.

3:35 Miscellaneous Announcements.

Wednesday.

9:00 Devotional. Call for correspondents and visitors.

9:25 Report on Woman's Work.

9:45 Report on Sunday Schools.

10:05 Report on Orphan's Home.

- 10:20 Report on Home Missions.
 10:40 Report on State Missions.
 11:00 Report on Foreign Missions.
 11:25 Report on Education.
 Noon Recess.
 1:30 Report on Digest of Letters.
 Report of Treasurer.
 Report of Trustees of Bethel College.
 Report of Executive Committee.
 Report of Auditing Committee.
 Report of Finance Committee.
 Report of Nominating Committee.
 Report on Obituaries.
 Report of any outstanding committees.
 Arrangements for printing minutes.
 Appointment of standing committees.
 Miscellaneous.
 Devotional.

Called for correspondents and visitors. The following were announced:

- Re. W. H. Norton, Rehoboth Association.
 Rev. J. I. Quattlebaum, Columbia Association.
 Rev. S. Y. Jameson, Debt Paying Campaign.
 Rev. B. J. W. Graham, Christian Index.
 Rev. B. S. Scoggins, Orphan's Home.
 Rev. J. D. Jameson, of Mississippi.
 Rev. J. L. Long Baptist Hospital.
 Rev. B. D. Ragsdale, Secretary Georgia Baptist Convention

At 11 o'clock the doctrinal sermon was preached by Rev. C. C. Davison, from John 16:13, "Howbeit, when he, the spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth."

Afternoon Session.

Devotional services.

Moderator announced the following committees:

On Finance—A. P. Hatcher, J. M. Taylor, Geo. Murray
 Digest of Letters—R. G. Smith, H. M. Melton and H. N.

Massey.

On Nominations—C. J. Taylor, I. A. Martin and R. G. Smith.

Report on Denominational Literature read by J. L. Claxton. Discussed by Rev. B. J. W. Graham, editor Christian Index. Report adopted.

Report on Debt Paying Campaign read by Rev. H. N. Massey. Discussion by Rev. S. Y. Jameson. Report adopted.

Report on Food Conservation read by Rev. C. C. Davison. Spoken to by Rev. B. J. W. Graham. Report adopted.

Report on Georgia Baptist Hospital read by Rev. J. W. Martin. Spoken to by Revs. J. L. Long and S. Y. Jameson. Report adopted.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read by H. N. Massey. Spoken to by H. N. Massey. Report adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief read by J. N. Massee. Spoken to by J. N. Massee, J. A. J. Dumas, J. D. Jameson, C. J. Taylor, H. N. Massee. Report adopted.

Wednesday Morning Session.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. John W. Martin.

Report on Woman's Work read by C. C. Davison. Spoken to by C. C. Davison, J. W. Stanford and J. D. Jameson. Report adopted.

Motion by H. M. Melton to set apart 15 minutes as a memorial to Bro. John Martin when the report on Obituaries is read. Motion adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools passed.

By Motion the report on Orphan's Home was temporarily passed to follow report on Education.

Report on Home Missions read by H. N. Massey. Spoken to by H. N. Massey. Report adopted.

Report on State Missions read by H. M. Melton. Spoken to by H. M. Melton. Report adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Dr. J. W. Stanford in absence of Rev. J. A. J. Dumas, chairman of committee. Spoken to by Dr. B. J. W. Graham and Rev. W. H. Newton. Report adopted.

Report on Education read by Dr. J. W. Stanford. Spoken to by Dr. B. D. Ragsdale. Report adopted.

Report on Orphan's Home read by J. P. Sauls. Spoken to by J. S. Scoggins. Report adopted.

Report on Digest of Letters read by R. G. Smith. Spoken to by Rev. C. C. Davison. Report adopted.

Report of Treasurer read and referred to Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

A. P. Hatcher, Treasurer, in Account with Bethel Association:
 Oct. 26, 1916 To cash from Finance Committee\$183.51
 Oct. 27, 1916 By check to Dr. A. C. Cree. \$109.01
 Nov. 2, 1917 By check to W. W. Fleming Clerk 74.50

\$183.51 \$183.51

Vouchers attached. Respectfully submitted,

A. P. HATCHER, Treasurer.

We have examined the within report and find same correct
 Respectfully submitted, R. G. SMITH.

Report of Trustees of Bethel College read by Dr. J. W. Stanford. Report adopted.

Report of Executive Committee read by H. N. Massey, Secretary of committee. Report adopted.

On motion Bro. A. P. Hatcher was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Report of Finance Committee read by A. P. Hatcher. Report adopted.

Finance Committee's Report.

We, the Finance Committee, beg leave to report that there has been sent up by the various churches the following sums:

State Missions	\$ 55.41
Home Missions	29.55
Foreign Missions	18.00
Orphan's Home	16.65
Ministerial Relief	10.32
Georgia Baptist Hospital	9.30
Schools and Colleges	2.05
Ministerial Education	2.78
For Clerk and Minutes	109.00
Georgetown, for Debt Paying Campaign	20.00
Cuthbert for Associational Missions	20.00

Total \$293.06

Respectfully submitted, A. P. HATCHER,
 J. M. TAYLOR,
 GEORGE MURRAY,,
 Committee.

Report of Nominating Committee read by C. J. Taylor. Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries read by J. M. Taylor. Report adopted.

A Memorial Service of 15 minutes to the memory of Uncle John Martin was held J. W. Stanford in chair. Short talks were made by Bros. J. M. Taylor, H. L. Crumbley, W. H. Norton, J. N. Massee, H. L. Miller, J. L. Claxton, C. J. Taylor and J. W. Stanford.

Report of Committee on Time and Place read by C. J. Taylor. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Time and Place.

We, your Committee on Time and Place, reporting, recommend that the next session of the Association be held on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October next, with the Herod Baptist church. Respectfully submitted,

C. J. TAYLOR,
 J. W. STANFORD
 H. E. HAMMOCK.

Arranged for printing minutes. Pay Clerk \$25.00 and remainder be appropriated for minutes.

Standing committees were announced by the Moderator as follows, and were approved by the Convention:

Standing Committees.

Home Missions—J. L. Claxton, J. M. Johnson, L. M. Killingsworth.

State Missions—H. M. Massey, J. G. Brown, B. M. Turnipseed.

Foreign Missions—H. L. Crumbley, A. J. Culbreth, T. O. Lawrence.

Sunday Schools—J. W. Stanford, J. M. Taylor, A. P. Hatcher.

Temperance—J. W. Martin, J. M. Watts, I. A. Martin.

Orphan's Home—J. D. Gunn, E. L. Smith, A. C. Sutton.

Education—J. P. Sauls, C. J. Taylor, H. R. Watson.

Denominational Literature—C. C. Davison, A. L. Martin, B. R. Collins.

Ministerial Relief—Edmond Etheridge, W. R. Hodges, J. M. Johnson.

Woman's Work—J. W. Stanford, J. D. Gunn, J. N. Massee.

Obituaries—J. M. Taylor, J. N. Massey, M. L. Holloway.

Time and Place—J. W. Stanford, J. Q. Scarbrough, V. L. McTyer.

Hospital—H. M. Melton, J. M. Johnson, George Murray.

Auditing—R. G. Smith, E. L. Smith, V. L. McTyer.

Following amendment to the constitution was offered by J. L. Claxton, and adopted by a two-thirds vote:

Resolved, That Section 18 of the Constitution be amended so that the clause reading "Executive Committee, consisting of five members," shall be made to read "Executive Committee, consisting of five regular members, and the Moderator of the Association be an ex-officio member of the same."

The following Resolution of Thanks was offered by E. A. Etheridge and unanimously adopted by a vising vote:

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That the Bethel Association in session, express its sincere appreciation to the membership of Salem church and community and the good people of Edison, as well as all who had any part in our entertainment; and that we thank all who took part in the program and contributed to our success during this most profitable session.

Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1918, with the church at Herod.

A. L. MILLER, Moderator.

W. W. FLEMING, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report on Denominational Literature.

We are glad to report that it seems to us that our Christian people are more cautious as regards the kind of literature which finds its way into our homes, and hence, we hope the sentiment against evil literature may be a prophecy to the providing of real Christian books and papers. We have more subscribers to our religious papers than ever before, and yet far too few. We regret that among more than three hundred and ten thousand Baptists in Georgia, we have only nearly eleven thousand subscribers to the Christian Index, for instance. In our Association, consisting of about four thousand and six hundred Baptists, we have only about two hundred and fifty subscribers to the Christian Index.

Our women are proving more loyal to the work of our denomination, as they read more of the Mission Messenger and Home and Foreign Field.

We would recommend that all our Churches would give a larger place to the Christian Index and the Home and Foreign Field especially. We yearn for more Baptist loyalty, a more marked Baptist spirit. This will come only as we read more denominationally.

J. L. CLAXTON, Chairman.

Report on Debt Paying Campaign.

Through the years our institutions, educational and benevolent, have been doing our work for us. Because of growth and increasing demands, a \$500,000 debt has accumulated. This is the debt of the Georgia Baptists and we ought to pay it.

Plans were begun at the State Convention at Fitzgerald in 1915 to liquidate this debt. Payment was not begun until this year when the campaign was put on under the direction of C. J. Hood, of Commerce. At the present time about \$300,000 has been raised.

Only a few churches in the Bethel Association, Shellman, Cuthbert, Coleman, Fort Gaines, Midway and Edison, have responded to this call. It is urged that as soon as possible every church do its part in helping to lift our debt.

H. N. MASSEY, Chairman.

Report on Food Conservation.

We are engaged in the greater war of the ages and we are informed by men who know that one of the greatest problems connected with it is that of sufficient food. Our president and his helpers are calling on each State, each county, each city, each family and each individual to aid in conserving the supply and preventing waste. I made the statement some time ago that every country and every man would pay his part of this war, whether he wished it or not. The work of conservation is being done through existing organizations, especially religious denominations. Dr. W. J. Loughlin, of Louisville, Ky., repre-

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sents Southern Baptists, Dr. B. J. W. Graham Georgia Baptists, and I am appointed to act in the Bethel Association. Cards have been sent for each church, either to the pastor or church clerk. The members are requested to make reports on these weekly. Let each family reduce the amount of sugar, flour and meat used. This is supremely important as the allies are looking to the United States for supplies, and we must feed our own citizens and soldiers. The statement is made that we would have won the war for Germany six months ago had we remained neutral and by this time the whole world might have been prostrate at the feet of Germany. Respectfully submitted,

C. C. DAVISON.

Report on Baptist Hospital.

The Superintendent's report indicates that the atmosphere is wholesome and Christian in tone. The institution has grown from the time it was instituted up until the present time. We hope to see the time when it will be a great Baptist asset.

THE WORK DONE—An increase of three hundred inmates over last year. There would have been more, but for lack of accommodations.

AS TO ITS FINANCES—The financial condition of the institution is growing all the while. We advise that the churches contribute to its support. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MARTIN.

Report of Baptist Young People's Union.

Georgetown—Organized 1914-1915. (Disbanded.)

Edison—Organized 1915-1916. President, Mr. J. D. Parker.

Enterprise—President, Mr. Earl Lee.

Fort Gaines—

Shellman (Senior)—President, Miss Opal Payne.

Arlington (Junior)—Organized 1916-1917—Leader, Mrs. J. A. Ward.

Blakely—President, Mrs. Willis Cox.

Bluffton—President, Miss Bernice Oliff.

Cuthbert (Senior)—President, Mr. W. H. Bridges.

Cuthbert (Junior)—Leader, Mr. John Gunn.

Mt. Ararat—President, Mr. —. —. Russell.

Shellman (Junior)—Leader, Mrs. J. G. Black.

Vilulah—President, Miss Annie Davis.

The annual B. Y. P. U. Institute for 1917 was held with the Shellman Baptist church, April 13th and 14th. Officers elected:

President—Rev. H. N. Massey, Fort Gaines.

Vice-President—Miss Opal Payne, Shellman.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Emmie F. Bledsoe, Georgetown.

MISS BLEDSOE, Secretary-Treasurer.

Report on Ministerial Relief.

In presenting this subject, we are confronted with the fact that nine-tenths of our churches consider the work of ministerial relief as of no importance. They do not feel that it is a part of denominational work. In endeavoring to elicit your support for the aged and infirm ministers of our denomination, we are not asking support for an object that is unworthy; we are asking support for God's noblemen. They were the pioneers. Before this country had grown strong and great, they preached the gospel of the kingdom. They were also the bulwark of Baptist doctrine and Baptist faith and will forever be associated with what is noble and heroic in the history of our denomination. Brethren, we feel that we must emphasize this part of our denominational work. We are pleading for the aged and infirm ministers of God, and for their widows.

We recommend: (1) That every church take a collection for this fund in the month of November; (2) That we so increase our offerings that we may give these people from \$15 to \$20 per month instead of from \$5 to \$10, the amount we now give; (3) That we endorse the ministerial relief movement started at the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans last May. At that time the Convention accepted the \$100,000 offered by the Sunday School Board as a nucleus of a large endowment fund, from the income of which aged and infirm ministers and their widows are to be supported.

Says the Youth's Companion: "There is something sardonically humorous in calling a man a 'shepherd of souls and pastor of his flock' and then in his old age turning him out to a pasture that his more worldly minded sheep have cropped close to the ground."

J. N. MASSEE.

Report on Woman's Work of Bethel Association.

A review of the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union reveals a large number of forms of active Christian service that in the year previous to their organization most of our women did not engage in. Some of these activities are as follows: Good Will Centers, Mission Sunday Schools, Home Makers' Clubs, Cottage Prayer Meetings, Boy's Clubs, Industrial Schools, Rescue Work, Serving the Poor, Work among foreigners, work in jails and convict camps, work among negroes, visits to sick, Bibles distributed, tracts and literature distributed, garments and baskets given to the poor, cooking and sewing schools, flowers to sick, railroad station and prisons, Christmas stockings filled, kindergarten schools, support of orphans, clean up crusades, lectures on health, day nurseries, poor sent to the hospital, vacation Bible schools, linen to hospitals, visit to soldiers and other forms of active, practical service.

We further find a remarkable growth in contributions. In 1889, 28 years ago, the women of the South gave for all purposes, \$30,773.69,

while this year the total offerings amounted to \$386,535.91; of this Georgia women paid \$95,935.25, while for local expenses they raised \$44,034.93, and the boxes sent to orphan's home amounted to \$8,559.69, making a total in Georgia of \$148,419.69.

A summary of the work in Bethel Association follows:

Number of Organization—W. M. S., 26; Y. W. A., 3; G. A., 3; R. A., 2; S. B., 10—total, 44.

New members enlisted, 181; present membership of all societies, 899; gifts to objects on apportionment card, \$1730.99; grand total, including \$1782.70, also Judson Centennial, Church Building and Loan Fund, Convention Debt, Local Church Aid, Personal Service and boxes to orphans, \$3184.04.

Rallies held in Association, to increase interest in missions, 4.

Number of new organizations, including some that have been re-organized, 8.

Association divided into seven districts, with District Secretary over each.

This is an increase over last year's gifts. On apportionment last year, \$1606.15. Grand total last year, \$2656.00.

We recommend that our pastors and churches encourage all forms of active Christian service among our women, that do not violate the principles of God's word, nor the social custom of the communities where they live. We further recommend the reduction of the number of organizations in retaining the Sunbeams, combining the Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassadors with the Junior B. Y. P. U.; and the Young Woman's Auxiliary with the Senior B. Y. P. U.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. C. DAVISON, Chairman.

Home Mission Report.

Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Georgia, has the distinction of reporting yearly more converts and baptisms through the work of its missionaries than have ever been reported by another Home Mission Board in America, though several of those expend more money than our Board dos.

Our Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 of which were creditable directly to Home Missions, while the rest were creditable to co-operative agencies. Last year the total receipts of the Board for all objects were \$474,792. while the administrative costs were \$22,638, or only 4.7 per cent. This suggests great economy in administration. While we applaud a wise economy, we must not forget that efficiency in secular business has nearly always required considerably larger administrative costs than this.

Our Board must not only wisely expend money; it must aid in nurturing and instructing the sources of its supply, which are among

nearly 3,000,000 Baptists, most of whom belong to churches with only **once-a-month preaching** by absentee pastors. To do this service with **any real effectiveness** will necessitate some expense. We would encourage our Board in incurring expenses required for efficiency.

The great world war is a challenge to every moral and spiritual resource in America. Hundreds of thousands of homes will experience a new soul-hunger, a new sense of need, in the giving of their sons to **fight in the nation's armies for justice and democracy**. The American farmer must feed the world. The farmer's church, already in need of inspiration and new methods, that it may serve a new rural world, must be the center from which the farmer shall gain added understanding and courage to do his part for God and for country. Southern Baptists must do their full share to save and serve the religious needs of our American boys in the camps, and to protect them from the foul birds of prey that gather in the wake of every army.

Realizing that new and heavier burdens must in this crisis be borne by Baptists of the South in the Home Mission Field, the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans instructed the Board to pursue its work on the basis of an apportionment of \$505,193, and the annual meeting of the Board in June planned the year's work on that basis. It is the first time Southern Baptists have undertaken to raise half a million for Home Missions, but the abounding needs and opportunities call for it. Our Baptist people are prosperous. They can enjoy their prosperity without moral deterioration only by serving God and country and men with their substance. Patriotism and true religion call us to a large support of Home Missions.

In Evangelism and Church Building and Enlistment, in Cuba and Panama and the Southern Highlands, among Foreigners and Negroes and Indians, through co-operative missions in such needy States as New Mexico and Arkansas and Oklahoma and Louisiana and Florida, in cities and towns and country-side, our Board has a great work, and the pressing needs which grow out of the war are in addition.

We recommend—

1. That earnest prayer be made for the work of the Home Mission Board and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once during the year upon Home Missions.

2. That this Association accept its apportionment for Home Missions as suggested by our State body, and that we apportion this amount among our churches, (through the executive committee or a special committee).

3. That our churches be encouraged to form mission study classes in "Baptist Missions in the South" and "Country Church in the South," the two unusually popular mission study books of the Home Board. Also that our churches should order and make a larger use of the full and interesting lot of tracts about each phase of the work of the Board. These tracts are free on application. The books are, each, cloth 60c.

paper 40c. All orders for literature or books should be directed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. MASSEY.

Report on State Missions.

The work of the Georgia Baptists in State Missions has come to be the most important phase of our work. The work of State Missions does not include all the work done in the State for our cause, but relates especially to the work known as State Missions and is one of the departments fostered by the Baptist Mission Board of the State of Georgia. This work of State Missions includes Church Aid, Pastoral Aid, Evangelism, Enlistment, expenses of W. B. M. U., Sunday School Secretary, B. Y. P. U. Secretary and the salary and expenses of our State Secretary and the office force.

The amount of money sent in for State Missions for this year will not be known until our State Convention, but Dr. Cree, our Secretary, speaks very hopeful that by the time of the Convention we will not only have paid our expenses for the year, but will have taken a considerable amount from the debt of \$30,000 which has been such an embarrassment to our work. If only we can report out of debt we will have accomplished a wonderful victory.

A great field for State Mission work has opened its doors to us because of the thousands of soldiers who are being trained in the various camps of the State. Evangelistic work has already been done by our Mission Board and as fast as possible work is to be opened in every camp within the borders of our State. The "Tent Evangel" is worthy of our best, and we should support this movement with our money and our prayers.

While not directly considered as a part of State Missions, the Debt Paying Campaign must be considered, when we think of this phase of the work. The latest reports of this great part of our work is more encouraging and we may still hope for a victory over the monster Debt.

It is a matter of gratification to your committee to notice that a large part of the work done in other states by the Home Mission Board is carried on in our State by State Missions. The report of the Home Mission Board shows that, although Georgia Baptists contributed nearly one-tenth of the total receipts of this Board, we have used only one-one-hundredth of their receipts for Home Mission work. It is not that we are not doing the work, but that our State Mission work is covering this ground. Over sixty-five churches were given aid in their building by the Home Mission Board, and not one of these churches is listed as being in Georgia. This is cited as an illustration of how State Missions makes it possible that Home Mission money may be used where it is most needed.

State Missions is a very dear cause to the churches of Bethel Asso-

ciation, and last year we contributed over \$1100.00 to State Missions. This year our gifts will run up to \$1300.00.

May God bless the great work done by State Missions and our Secretary and may the people of Georgia and especially Bethel Association ever be ready to rally to the support of this cause.

HENRY MELTON, Chairman.

Report on Foreign Missions.

We are doing foreign mission work in the following countries: Africa, Argentina, Brazil, China, Italy, Japan and Mexico. The number of our churches now total 458, with a membership of 47,161. The native contributions during 1916 were 132,371. There were 6,347 baptisms. We have 307 foreign missionaries and 809 native workers, who conducted 474 schools of all grades, which had an enrollment of 12,930 students. Our 15 medical missionaries treated 67,556 patients. God's most gracious favors seemed to have crowned the efforts of the missionaries during the year. During these stressful, trying times of war, it behooves us not to relax our efforts, but to renew our endeavors and increase our enthusiasm.

When the amount paid on the Judson Centennial is added, the grand total is \$961,947.48. We have in these figures the revelation of the fact that Southern Baptists can, and soon will be, giving one million dollars a year to foreign missions.

Last year a substantial saving in expenses over the previous year was reported. We are glad to report a saving in expenses this year over last year of \$9,939.94. Upon the basis of this year's distribution of money, 90 7-10 cents of every dollar given to Foreign Missions actually reached the foreign field, and 9 3-10 cents were required to meet all home expenditures.

The need of increased resources is imperative, if the Board is to cope with the situation already on its hands, to say nothing of enlargement, which certainly ought to be made.

We will soon have a new field, whose needs will be great and insistent, namely, Russia. Russia has been changed from a monarchy to a republic. State religion will prove inadequate to meet the needs of the new order. We should launch a propaganda to democratize and Christianize the people. The command of Jesus is still in force: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Again: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so send I you." These are the marching orders of the Captain. Who has the right to question His authority or to revoke His orders? "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." J. A. J. DUMAS, Chairman.

Report on Education.

The history of Christian Education and the needs of the hour demand the best effort of our people for our schools and colleges. Your committee asks you to consider the following facts and recommendations:

The Mercer system of schools under the direction of our Education Board is the agency through which our people should work in developing our Baptist education. Under the guidance of this Board the Colleges belonging to the Convention and the seven High Schools affiliated have arrived at a cordial understanding. This system makes provision for all the schools we ought to foster to work harmoniously. Its plan provides for all institutes to be members of the system when they desire the help of the Convention and of the churches which wish to co-operate with its plans. The institutions now in the system are Mercer University, Macon; Bessie Tift College, Forsyth; Locust Grove Institute, Locust Grove; Norman Institute, Norman Park; Brewton-Parker Institute, Mt. Vernon; Gibson-Mercer Academy, Bowman; Hearn Academy, Cave Spring; Blairsville Institute, Blairsville; Hiawassee High School, Hiawassee.

The Convention proposes to relieve every one of our institutions of embarrassments by paying the debts of all. Notwithstanding the distress occasioned by war, the effort to pay these debts is on the way to success. Progress has been made since then, and wherever pastors and churches have made the effort they have secured the subscriptions. It is not possible to make a definite statement of the amount subscribed until nearer the end of the campaigns now in progress. A rough estimate aggregates about one-fourth we need. Much of this amount has been signed up, but also much of it is still to be rounded up and put into the regular subscription form. Several thousands of dollars have been promised by those whom we owe. These good men have promised to give the debts, but we can not ask them to make subscriptions nor relinquish their claims unless the debts are all paid. They will give what we owe them when we are ready to cancel all other debts.

Our regular plan for schedule offering provides for keeping out of debt for emergencies and enlargements by building up the contributions for "Schools and Colleges" just like those for the other objects. Last year we increased our offerings for Schools and Colleges 48 per cent. A similar increase will soon solve the problems of our deficits. Educational Missions is taking its proper place with the other forms of benevolence.

The Southern Baptist Convention has now an Education Commission for study and suggestion. Upon its recommendation the Sunday School Board has arranged to observe Education Day for the Sunday School this year. A beginning has thus been made in getting our Chris-

tian schools on the hearts of our young people. This will mean students and support for them.

This Education Commission is stimulating Southern Baptists to raise as much as \$10,000,000 for education in three years. The three hundred and eighty thousand dollars for Georgia's schools and colleges contemplated in our debt-paying campaign for \$500,000 is counted in this. Thus the eyes of all Southern Baptists are on us. Success in freeing our schools from debt will stimulate the cause of Christian Education throughout the South.

The demands on Ministerial Education for over thirty Georgia men at Louisville, over forty at Mercer, and a number in the High Schools are large. But notwithstanding all the discouragements the offerings now about equal the expenditures. This leaves our debt varying from \$3,500 to \$4,500 to struggle with until the campaign for debts succeeds. An increase in our regular offerings would soon wipe it out. The change in the schedule which makes Ministerial Education share its month with Ministerial Relief makes it necessary specially to stress the offering.

Our High Schools are doing well. Last year they had 742 students. They furnished Mercer over 60 students, or nearly one-fourth her total attendance in the literary department. They minister to hundreds who never reach college and touch their lives when it tells for most.

Bessie Tift College now practically pays its running expenses. We need only to pay her debts to free the college for a career of great usefulness.

Mercer University continues its blessings to the world. Important features are its Bible work, the pre-medical courses, the law courses, the training of teachers, and the Summer School open to women. The total attendance last year, including the Summer School, was 363. It is this growth of the College which has made its debts necessary. To pay them off means that Georgia Baptists free their greatest asset for usefulness.

The crying needs of Georgia Baptist Education are two: to press to completion the campaign to pay off debts, and to build up the contributions for Schools and Colleges to where we can meet the needs caused by necessary losses and growth. Under the plans of the Committee of Five, we will make no more debts.

We, therefore, earnestly recommend:

First, that all the Sunday Schools be urged to observe Education Day on the same day as it is observed throughout the South. That the Committee on Co-operation and the Convention be requested to see that this day devoted to Christian Education throughout the Southern Baptist Convention has an equal opportunity with similar objects for a claim on the gifts as well as the attention of our Sunday Schools.

Second, that every church be requested to co-operate fully with the Committee of Five in carrying to completion the campaign for the payment of our debts until every dollar of debt is wiped out.

Third, that the Association endorse the suggestions of the Committee on Co-operation that the churches give as much as 5 per cent of their total benevolent offerings for Ministerial Education and 8 per cent to schools and colleges. That, while all the contributions should be sent with proper designations through the Board, so that full reports can be had and abuses avoided, the proportion suggested for schools should be extra to what the women give for their own Mary P. Willingham Industrial School at Blue Ridge, and that the amount for Ministerial Education should be extra to what is sent for special students at the Seminary, Mercer or in High Schools, as well as what the women give for the Training School for women missionaries at Louisville.

Fourth, that we urge every church which follows the schedule to see to it that the months for Schools and Colleges and Ministerial Education do not pass without the offerings are taken. That churches using the budget plan or system of special collections for benevolence be urged to arrange that Schools and Colleges and Ministerial Education receive their share suggested by the Convention.

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman.

Report on Orphans Home.

This has been a very successful year with the orphanage. The home has not been able to take all the children who have desired to come in to it. The average number of children has been about 250. The schools are doing fine work. They are not only taught in the regular course of the common school branches, but they are taught many things that we parents fail to teach our children. The farm is cultivated by the large boys. The girls are taught housekeeping, sewing, mending, laundrying and nursing. The boys are taught farming, engineering, carpentering and painting. When the seventh and eighth grade is finished they are sent out to some useful occupation.

The Christians today are very much interested in children, especially orphans. The children of today will be the men and women of tomorrow. Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

We now have 250 children in the Georgia Baptist Orphanage at Hapeville. These come from different sections of the state.

These are our children, and we are largely responsible for them. Let's rally to their support. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SAULS.

Report on Digest of Letters.

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, beg to submit the following report: We find that out of 43 churches reporting, there are 228 baptisms, an increase of 6 over last year, and of this number 170 came from the Sunday schools, and out of 43 churches 10 reported no Sunday Schools. We also find an increase of 407 in membership. We also find the number enrolled in Sunday school 2187, with an average of 1566. No. of A-1 Sunday Schools, 2; number of graded Sunday Schools, 6; number of W. M. U., 17, with 363 members; number of B. Y. P. U., 7, with 163 members. We notice also that more churches are giving to all of the objects fostered by our Sunday School Convention, with an increase in gifts, and some which we are proud of, and by this showing we hope that we will be able to make a better report next year, and we do most earnestly request all the churches to make a full and complete report in their church letters to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. SMITH, Chairman.

Report of Trustees of Bethel College.

Oct. 20, 1916. To cash on hand last report	\$675.93
Jan. 6, 1917. To interest received, savings bank	10.00
Jan. 11, 1917. To check from Board of Education	200.00
June 1, 1917. To check from Board of Education	150.00
July 2, 1917. To interest from savings bank	10.20
Making total received	\$1046.12
By amount paid to J. A. Bone	\$125.00
By amount paid to Leslie Yarbrough	50.00
By balance on hand	871.13

\$1046.13 \$1046.13

Under the contract with the Board of Education of Cuthbert, as reported to the last session, the college building is still being used for a public school.

We have one beneficiary on the loan fund now, Bro. J. A. Bone, at Locust Grove Institute. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STANFORD, Chairman,
 L. A. DUGGAN, Sec.-Treas.,
 REV. C. C. DAVISON,
 REV. J. W. MARTIN,
 W. O. TAYLOR, Trustees.

Report of Executive Committee.

The local Baptist church is the fundamental unit by which we work in the Kingdom of God. The association is a group of these unit churches banded together in a spirit of co-operation for the best interests of the kingdom in a given section and for the enlistment of all the churches in that section in the great work of the denomination.

The Executive Committee appointed by this body last year in recognition of these facts, has endeavored to carry out the policies of the Association in advancing the interests of the various churches in co-operative efforts.

Your committee, through untiring efforts, reached as many churches as possible last December and succeeded in sending a car of provisions to our orphans home at Hapeville during Christmas week.

In January for two weeks a doctrinal campaign was held in several churches of the Association. Each minister delivered a sermon on some one of the great fundamental distinctive doctrines of Baptists. This campaign was financed by voluntary offerings in each church visited.

The committee offered its services to pastorless churches to assist them in securing pastors.

In the early summer a convention for our laymen was held with the Cuthbert church, to which men from every church were invited.

One all-day rally was held with the Bluffton church, at which time different phases of our work were presented. Secretary Henderson, of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, was with us.

J. G. Black resigned chairmanship in October, as he is leaving the Association. C. C. Davison was elected to fill the unexpired term. H. M. Melton was chosen as a member of the committee to fill out the required number.

The year's work has not been as successful as we would like for it to have been, and it is sincerely hoped that next year's work will touch every church in the bounds of the Association.

We recommend that the churches call the committee into service whenever and wherever it is needed. It is your servant and doesn't go into fields over the pastor's head.

2. That there be held during the coming year an associational Sunday School Convention and an institute in each district, under direction of the executive committee.

3. That the Constitution be so changed as to make the Moderator of the Association ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

4. That the Association send a car of provisions, etc., to the orphanage at Hapeville.

5. That each church faithfully follow the schedule as given for our Association.

RECEIPTS:

Doctrinal Campaign—Blakely \$7.94, Leary \$9.20; Edison \$11.50; Springvale \$4.53; Coleman \$8.65; Shellman \$7.05; Morris Station \$8.00; Cutbert \$10.02; Bluffton \$4.85; Arlington \$2.36; Fort Gaines \$5.61	\$79.71
Minute Funds—Coleman \$1.50; Morris Station \$2.00; Elam \$1.00; Sasser \$1.00	5.50
Associational Missions—Midway 70c; Coleman \$6.50; Edison \$15.00; Morris Station \$2.00; Fort Gaines \$7.50	31.70
Total	\$116.91

DISBURSEMENTS:

Doctrinal Campaign Expenses	\$42.12
Index Printing Company, for appeal cards	8.15
J. E. Sammons, expenses to association last year	10.00
W. W. Fleming for minutes, deficit last year	29.94
H. M. Melton, associational expenses	6.20
J. L. Claxton	14.50
H. N. Massey	8.00
C. C. Davison	3.00
Total	\$116.91

H. N. MASSEY, Sec.-Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

We, the Committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report:

Missionary Sermon—H. L. Crumbley; alternate, J. G. Corley.

Delegates to State Convention—E. L. Smith, J. P. Sauls, J. W. Martin, H. N. Massey, J. W. Stanford, J. A. J. Dumas, C. C. Davison, H. M. Melton, A. L. Miller, J. D. Gunn, A. P. Hatcher, J. L. Claxton.

Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention—C. C. Davison; alternate, J. A. J. Dumas.

Executive Committee—J. L. Claxton, J. A. J. Dumas, H. N. Massey, C. C. Davison, H. M. Melton.

The committee calls attention to the fact that the Executive Committee is the Standing Committee of the Association on programs, made so by the Association of 1914 at Carnegie, and as such is expected to have prepared a provisional program for next session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. TAYLOR,

I. A. MARTIN,

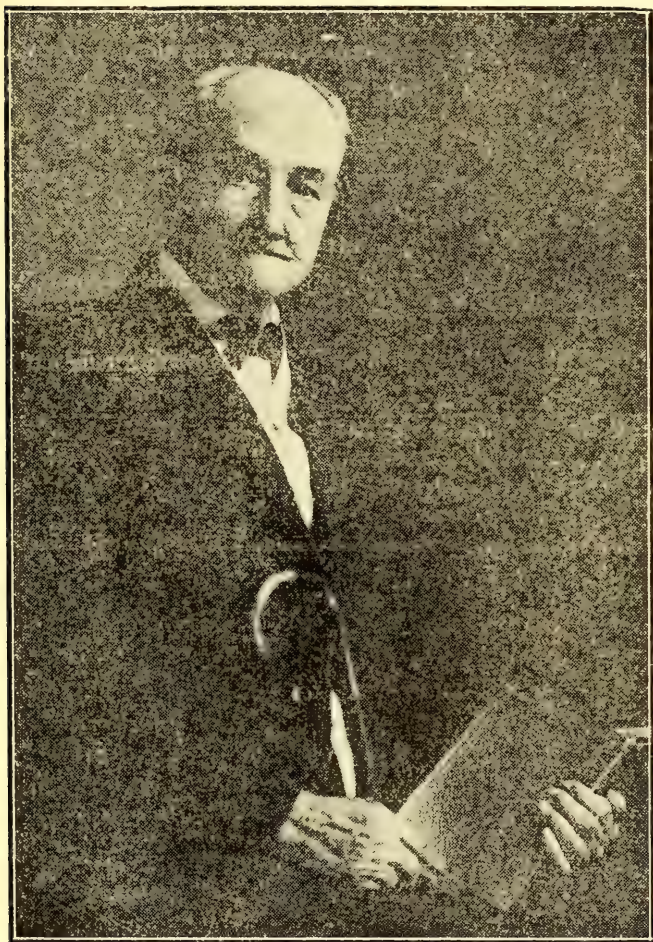
R. G. SMITH, Committee.

Report on Obituaries.

Death has again visited our Association and taken from us one of our dearly beloved ministers, Rev. John Martin. Truly, Uncle Joannie, as he was familiarly known by everybody, was a Father in Israel. Truly it could be said of him, a great man has fallen in Israel. Uncle John was born in the Union district, South Carolina, January 3, 1821, and died at Shellman, Ga., on the 21st day of April, 1917, at the ripe old age of 96 years. He was licensed to preach when 19 years old and in 1844 was ordained as a minister, and has filled as pastor and preacher most of the pulpits of Southwest Georgia, for 77 years. His life has been an inspiration to the young ministers, and a benediction to all this section of Georgia, where those he led to Christ are numbered by the thousands. In 1838 he was married to Martha Truitt, of Jasper county, Ga. Aunt Martha, as she was familiarly known, was truly a help meet, and was loved by all who knew her.

We recommend that a blank page be left in the minutes, and that his picture be printed on same. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. TAYLOR, Chairman.



1821—1917

To the Memory of Our Deceased
Brother

JOHN MARTIN

This page is affectionately dedicated

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter.

Article 2. We believe there is one true and living God, and only one, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in divine perfection.

Article 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners and under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Article 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Son of God.

Article 5. We believe that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on the principles of righteousness, and not any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Christ's redemption and righteousness.

Article 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all people by the gospel; that all are invited to Christ; that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Article 7. We believe in the doctrine of election; that it is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

Article 8. We believe in "perseverance of the saints," that all those who are truly regenerated and born again, will ultimately be saved in heaven, that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Article 9. We believe that a gospel church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers in Christ, associated by convention in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; that it is only proper to have bishops or pastors and deacons.

Article 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper.

Article 11. We believe that communion is a church ordinance: that such only are entitled to partake of it as have given a credible evidence of faith in Christ and been legally baptized.

Article 12. We believe in a general judgment and the resur-

rection of the dead and the end of this world; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION OF BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be called the Bethel Baptist Association and shall consist of such Baptist churches as shall agree to the terms of the union, and whose faith and constitution shall be deemed sound and satisfactory. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof after the first fifty, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five messengers.

2. This Association shall have no right to legislate for the churches nor in any way interfere with their internal affairs.

3. It will only be an advisory body, having for its object a more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

4. Its officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually from the body by ballot and otherwise.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, give general direction to business and settle all questions of order; subject, however, to appeal to the Association upon motion and second.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to the ratification or revision of the Association.

7. He shall see that the brethren maintain the proper courtesies of debate, and may call any speaker to order if he departs from the subject or uses any indecorous or unbrotherly language.

8. The Moderator may speak upon any subject under discussion by calling some brother to the chair, but shall not have voice in determining questions except in a case of a tie.

9. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, receive and read all communications addressed to it when required, and shall print and distribute the Minutes among the churches belonging to the Association, and shall be paid for his services such sum as the body shall from time to time appropriate to that purpose. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to have published in every annual Minute the Order of Business, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the Bethel Association.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Association, give security to the Chairman of the Executive Com-

mittee and his successor in office for the same, and pay these out as the Association may order through her Executive Committee. He shall keep a balance sheet and make annual report to the Association for each fiscal year.

11. The Association shall have a regular order of business adopted at the beginning of each session, and it shall be implicitly followed unless suspended for a special object by a majority of the Association upon motion and second; and when that specific thing is disposed of, the Moderator shall return to the regular order of the house.

12. All motions when seconded must be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover. Substitutes and amendments shall always be in order.

13. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, but shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or use unbecoming or unbrotherly language.

14. A motion for reconsideration must be made by one who voted with the majority, and can only prevail when a majority of the members enrolled are present.

15. The motion for adjournment shall take precedence of all others.

16. Any member leaving before the close of the meeting without permission shall have his name stricken from the roll.

17. This Constitution and Rules shall be subject to alteration by two-thirds of the members present at two annual and consecutive meetings of the Association, except the second, which shall be unalterable.

18. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, chosen from the membership of the churches composing the body, whose duty it shall be to obey the instructions of this body in regard to missionary work. Said committee shall have power to elect a chairman, and to fill any vacancy that may occur, either in their own number or the office of Treasurer during the recess of the body, and to have general supervision over any property or financial claims or interests of the Association.

Schedule for Churches in the Bethel Association.

(Adopted from "Schedule for Baptists.")

January—Ministerial Education.
 February—Home and Foreign Missions
 March—Home and Foreign Missions: (Self Denial.)
 April—Schools and Colleges. (Training School.)
 May—Missions, Margaret Home and S. S. Board.
 June—Missions.
 July—Ministerial Relief.
 August—Missions, Evangelist.
 September—State Missions.
 October—Orphans' Home.
 November—Missions, Frontier Missionary.
 December—Missions, Christmas Offering.

Directions for Sending Money.

Collections for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, Schools and Colleges, Orphans' Home should be sent to A. C. Cree, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Atlanta, Ga.

Send collections for printing minutes and paying clerk to Treasurer of your Association.

NOTE—In sending money to A. C. Cree, Secty. and Treasurer, great care should be exercised. If the money is from the church, Sunday School, W. M. S., Y. W. A., Sunbeams or Royal Ambassadors, let it appear so, distinctly. Also let the object or purpose for which the money is contributed be clearly stated. And all of this is next to useless unless the name of the Association is given in the letter in which the money is remitted. Not to give the name of the Association from which the money is sent utterly destroys the plans of the book-keepers in the Board's office where the effort is being made to keep accounts with the Associations.

No funds should ever be sent to the Association which are afterwards to be sent to the Boards.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. L. Claxton	Edison, Ga.
J. G. Corley	Route 1. Blakely, Ga.
E. S. Cheshire	Route 3, Blakely, Ga.
W. O. Crumbley	Damascus, Ga.
C. C. Davison	Cuthbert, Ga.
J. A. J. Dumas	Blakely, Ga.
J. E. Dykes	Fort Gaines, Ga.
W. D. Hammock	Coleman, Ga.
J. H. Harris	Elmodel, Ga.
John W. Martin	Cuthbert, Ga.
T. M. Matthews	Hilton, Ga.
H. N. Massey	Fort Gaines, Ga.
H. M. Melton	Arlington, Ga.
J. O. Nowell	Sasser, Ga.
J. W. Sauls	Shellman, Ga.
J. P. Sauls	Morgan, Ga.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P. O.
Antioch .....	.....	.....
Arlington	1888 H. M. Melton, Arlington	Geo. L. Murray, Arlington
Bethany	1893 J. H. Harris, Milford	W. F. Lawrence, Milford
Bethel	J. E. Dykes, Fort Gaines	J. F. Robinson, Blakely
Beulah	1885 E. T. Dawson, Jakin	J. E. Hudspeth, Cedar Spring
Blakely	1837 J. A. J. Dumas, Blakely	W. W. Fleming, Blakely
Bluffton	H. M. Melton, Arlington	Martin Oliff, Bluffton
Carnegie	J. G. Corley, Blakely, Rt. 1.	R. G. Hammock, Carnegie
Coleman	J. L. Claxton, Edison	C. A. Brown, Coleman
Colomokee	1889 J. G. Corley, Blakely, Rt. 1.	J. C. Balkcom, Blakely
Cuthbert	C. C. Davison, Cuthbert	J. B. Stanford, Cuthbert
Damascus, Early	W. O. Crumbley, Damascus	Lem Dykes, Blakely
Damascus, Randolph	W. D. Hammock, Coleman	Chester H. Peak, Cuthbert
Dover	H. J. Edwards, Shellman	John Woods, Dawson
Edison	J. L. Claxton, Edison	H. E. Hammock, Edison
Elam	1849 J. P. Sauls, Morgan	J. T. Sauls, Shellman
Elmodel	1909 J. I. D. Miller, Arlington	W. A. Morgan, Leary
Enon .....	.....	.....
Enterprise	M. D. Reed, Macon	E. P. McKinnon, Leary
Fort Gaines	1845 H. N. Massey, Fort Gaines	Man'ville Culpepper, Ft. Ga.
Friendship	1888 J. G. Corley, Blakely, Rt. 1.	B. W. Bone, Shellman
Georgetown .....	.....	.....
Herod .....	.....	C. M. Harris, Dawson
Hillside .....	.....	.....
Hilton	1880	Duncan Hall, Blakely
Leary	J. L. Claxton, Edison	B. I. Keel, Leary
Midway	1884 H. N. Massey, Fort Gaines	M. A. Lokey, Hatcher Sta.
Milford	J. P. Sauls, Morgan	J. W. Johnston, Leary
Morgan	J. P. Sauls, Morgan	W. B. Farrow, Morgan
Morris	1901 C. C. Davison, Cuthbert	J. L. Cumbie, Morris Stati.
Mt. Ararat	1915 J. I. Quattlebaum, Columbia	H. M. Temples, Blakely
Mt. Gilead	W. D. Hammock, Coleman	C. C. Crozier, Fort Gaines
Mt. Hebron	1865 J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	C. E. Dawson, Cuthbert
Mt. Vernon	J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	Irby Lindsey, Coleman
Mt. Zion	W. D. Hammock, Coleman	Will Gentry, Bluffton
New Bethel	J. P. Sauls, Morgan	B. I. Kinard, Cuthbert
New Hope	1869 J. W. Martin, Cuthbert	W. A. Lindsey, Blakely
Pine View	E. T. Dawson, Jakin	J. W. Scarborough, Blakely
Providence	1900 J. I. Quattlebaum, Columbia	J. G. Harrell, Blakely
Rehoboth	1839 J. G. Corley, Blakely, Rt. 1.	H. J. Edwards, Shellman
Salem	1856 H. L. Crumbley, Cuthbert	W. E. Tanner, Edison
Sasser	H. L. Crumbley, Cuthbert	W. F. Brinn, Sasser
Shellman	1888 John G. Black, Shellman	W. H. Wells, Shellman
Shiloh .....	.....	.....
Sowhatchee	1911 J. I. Quattlebaum, Columbia	J. L. Ricks, Hilton
Springvale .....	.....	T. M. Davis, Springvale
Vilulah	1866 A. C. Wellons, Plains	B. E. Joiner, Coleman

Total

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Are Officers Elected by the Church?	Has School a Teachers Training Class?	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Average Attendance	No. in Cradle Roll Dept.	Number in Home Dept.	No. Organized Classes	No. Baptisms from Sunday School	Is School Graded Upon an Age Basis?	Is School an A-1 Standard School?	Red Seal Stand. School	Home Purpose	Through the Mission Board	Grand Total
Yes	Yes	1	19	178	148	29	35	16	6	Yes	Yes	No	\$ 116.42	\$ 28.32	\$ 144.74
No	No	1	8	45	30			3		No	No	No	12.00	10.00	22.00
Yes	No	1	5	45				3		No	No	No		4.18	4.18
Yes	No	1	16	220	183	36		7	30	Yes	No	No	649.79	134.60	784.39
Yes		1	7	50	40	6			1			No	28.03	14.95	42.98
	No	1	7	100	60				2	Yes	No	No	23.00	39.91	62.91
Yes	No	1	7	70	40			4	8	No	No	No	16.00		16.00
Yes	No	1	16	171	120	30	50	3	5	Yes		No	248.09	685.05	933.14
Yes												No			
	No	1	11	78	36				5		No	No	17.72	18.00	35.72
Yes												No			
Yes	No	1	17	150	90			15	10	No	No	No	62.50	12.25	74.75
		1	6	50								No	45.50		45.50
												No			
												No			
Yes		1	6	57	35				17			No		5.32	5.32
	No	1	14	140		12		2		Yes	No	No		57.10	57.10
Yes	No	1	7	101	75				6	Yes	No	No			6.00
												No			
												No			
		1										No			
Yes	No	1	9	65	40					No	No	No		10.00	10.00
No	No	1	6	22						No	No	No			
												No			
		1	7	100	60							No		8.21	8.21
Yes		1	6	25	15				2	Yes	No	No	11.69	8.93	20.62
No	No	1	6	80	40				15	No	No	No			
Yes		1	5	25	15			4				No			
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		1										No			
Yes	No	1	6	70	48					No	No	No			
No	No	1	7	68	45					No	No	No			
Yes		1	5	35	20			3				No		5.92	5.92
No		1	6	64	40			4				No			
Yes	No	1	4	61	32			2	1	No	No	No			
												No			
Yes	No	1	10	100	65					No	No	No	27.92	19.10	47.02
Yes	Yes	1	21		105	48	2	3		Yes	Yes	No	65.29	100.68	165.97
												No			
Yes	No	1	5	30	20				5	No	No	No			
												No			
No	No	1	7	50	30				1	Yes	No	No	3.50		3.50
		33	256	2250	1432	113	133	68	117				\$1333.45	\$1162.52	\$2495.97

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Clerk and Minutes	Other Objects	Total	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial
Antioch	\$516.14	\$402.50	\$2.00	\$3968.07	\$4888.71	\$36.35	\$27.15	\$39.20	\$82.63	\$2.00
Arlington	125.00		2.00	29.00	156.00				10.00	
Bethany	100.00		1.50		101.50	4.20				
Bethel	125.00		2.20	57.60	184.80	5.00	4.83	1.00	5.60	1.00
Beulah	1200.00	2249.26	5.00	679.83	4134.09	165.43	243.75	79.55	88.47	4.00
Blakely	250.00		2.50	29.28	281.78	42.10	8.59	16.05	36.65	
Bluffton			2.00		2.00	15.00	15.00			
Carnegie	300.00	30.00	5.00	234.00	565.00	95.05	51.49	60.65	33.90	8.00
Coleman	200.00		2.50	23.46	225.96	9.07	9.07		61.30	
Colomokee	1400.00	4.20	5.00	1103.57	2512.77	249.09	110.99	297.45	311.51	56.00
Cuthbert	120.00	10.00	2.00	1.00	133.00	16.25	13.81	10.75	2.40	1.00
Damascus, Early	150.00		2.50	61.72	214.22	30.30	7.50	7.50	5.00	3.00
Damascus, Ran.										
Dover	630.00	2.00	3.00	148.75	753.75	120.00	90.00	130.00	199.39	15.00
Edison	175.00		2.00	73.75	250.75					
Elam			1.50		1.50					
Elmodel										
Enon										
Enterprise	200.00		2.00	109.55	311.55	17.40	10.00	15.20	44.10	2.00
Fort Gaines	960.00	20.00	3.00	40.00	1023.00	89.30	111.77	96.58	68.40	4.00
Friendship	200.00		2.00	31.00	233.00			30.65		
Georgetown			1.00		1.00	19.40	12.00	7.70	.60	
Herod			2.00		2.00	26.20	23.15	12.70	33.20	
Hillside										
Hilton	60.00		3.00	1.00	64.00	2.50	2.50		4.50	1.00
Leary	200.00		3.00	26.00	229.00	23.00	8.00	20.05	10.00	3.00
Midway	201.00		1.85	3.40	206.25	15.47	20.77	13.25	15.90	
Milford	100.00		1.00		101.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	
Morgan	200.00	177.00	2.00	3.30	382.30	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Morris	150.00		3.50	11.69	165.19	39.71	20.00	30.00	32.00	5.00
Mt. Ararat	80.00	50.00	1.50	3.50	135.00	3.45	1.45		3.15	3.00
Mt. Gilead	75.00		1.50		76.50	2.00	1.50		1.90	
Mt. Hebron	125.00		2.50	28.75	156.25	8.35	5.00	5.00	19.91	4.00
Mt. Vernon	100.00		2.00		102.00	5.16	5.16	5.18		
Mt. Zion	100.00		.75	8.00	108.75	2.61	2.00			
New Bethel	175.00	155.00	3.00	20.00	353.00	31.50		21.50	70.65	
New Hope	200.00	10.00	5.00		115.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	26.00	3.80
Pine View	150.00		2.50		152.50	11.80			2.90	
Providence	100.00	5.00	1.00		106.00	2.90			3.00	
Rehoboth	150.00		2.00	9.45	161.45	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	
Salem	175.00	17.50	4.00	22.00	218.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	5.00
Sasser	300.00	110.90	4.00	98.57	513.47	35.20	10.25	15.75	68.50	8.00
Shellman	1200.00	3511.40	6.00	516.74	5234.14	113.84	57.74	122.73	218.00	8.80
Shiloh										
Sowhatchee	100.00	38.00	1.10	11.50	150.60	10.00	3.50	3.00	3.50	
Springvale			1.50		1.50	18.50	3.00	2.20	5.00	2.00
Vilulah	150.00	32.50	2.50	54.86	237.36	7.50	15.00	15.00	29.80	2.00
Totals	\$9552.14	\$6725.26	109.90	\$7359.47	\$24946.28	\$1317.83	\$931.46	\$1113.22	\$1531.46	\$151.70

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\$436.60	\$331.41	\$438.68	\$254.48	\$273.37	\$ 38.50	\$1780.99	\$414.17	\$988.88	\$3184.04
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MINUTES

—of the—

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Auxiliary to the Bethel Association

—Held With—

W. M. S. OF THE ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

October 23, 1917.

OFFICERS:

Mrs. H. N. Massey, Superintendent Fort Gaines, Ga.
Mrs. W. H. Wells, Secretary Shellman, Ga.
Mrs. Homer Joiner, Treasurer Coleman, Ga.
First District Secretary Mrs. Arthur White, Shellman, Ga.
Second District Secretary Mrs. Homer Hammock, Edison, Ga.
Third District Secretary Mrs. Rowena Ward, Arlington, Ga.
Fourth District Secretary Mrs. Kalla Mae Baggs, Blakely, Ga.
Fifth District Secretary Mrs. W. D. Hammock, Coleman, Ga.
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WOMAN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION OF GEORGIA

Headquarters—600 Flatiron Building, Atlanta, Ga.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The next session of the W. M. U. of Bethel Association will be held with the W. M. S. of Baptist church of Blakely, Ga., on Tuesday and Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1918.

"THAT WE BEAR MUCH FRUIT."

MINUTES OF W. B. M. U., BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Arlington Baptist Church, October 23rd, 1917.

The W. B. M. U. of Bethel Association met with the Arlington Baptist Church on October 23rd, 1917. Was called to order by the Superintendent, Mrs. Arthur White. Mrs. B. W. Ellis, Secretary, being absent, Mrs. W. H. Wells was appointed to take the minutes for the day.

Song, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and prayer by Bro. H. M. Melton. Song, "America," after which Mrs. T. M. Thomas led our morning devotional, "That ye bear much fruit." John 13:8. Greetings—Mrs. Fortson, Arlington Baptist W. M. M., Mrs. Harrell, Arlington Methodist W. M. S. Response—Mrs. P. H. Keaton.

Report of Publication Committee—Mrs. W. D. Hammock.

Report of Treasurer—Mrs. W. H. Joiner.

Report of District Secretaries.

Song. Prayer by Bro. H. N. Massey.

The Superintendent's message to the Union was a stirring appeal to all present, after which she gave a report of her year's work, which was full and complete. She also spoke of how much she regretted not having Miss Campbell and Mrs. Cater with us at this time, but it was impossible for them to be present.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Enrollment—Mrs. W. D. Cowdrey, Mrs. G. M. Sparks, Mrs. J. A. Ward.

Plan of Work—Mrs. H. N. Massey, chairman; Mrs. R. L. Jenkins, Mrs. A. F. Weathers.

Resolutions—Mrs. B. L. Brown, chairman; Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Harry Bower.

Obituaries—Mrs. J. C. McClelland, chairman; Miss Helen Melton, Mrs. A. L. Cobb.

Nominations—Mrs. T. M. Thomas, chairman; Mrs. Riley Curry, Mrs. J. A. Polindexter, Mrs. Wood Davis, Mrs. Carl Rhodes, Mrs. L. E. Gay, Mrs. L. A. Duggan, Mrs. J. E. Paullin.

Publications—Mrs. W. D. Hammock, chairman; Mrs. Loy Killingsworth, Mrs. A. H. Richardson, Mrs. Jim Dennis, Mrs. W. E. Gay.

Prayer by Bro. C. C. Davison. W. M. S. methods were discussed in the following way:

(a) Standard of Excellence—Mrs. W. H. Wells.

(b) Bible Study—Mrs. L. A. Duggan.

(c) Mission Study—Mrs. T. F. Harper.

(d) Personal Service—Mrs. J. D. Gunn.

Song, "Rescue the perishing." Prayer by Bro. J. L. Claxton. After singing, "Take the name of Jesus with you," and prayer by Mrs. H. N. Massey, recessed for lunch.

Afternoon Session.

Opened at 2 p. m. with song, "My faith looks up to Thee." Devotional led by Mrs. Z. T. Rabun.

Proposed Plans for Young People's Organization was read by Mrs. Harry Bower. These plans are as follows:

That the Senior organizations, the Y. W. A. and Senior B. Y. P. U. be merged into one organization under the direction of the B. Y. P. U. Secretary.

G. A.'s and R. A.'s and Junior B. Y. P. U. be merged into one organization, which shall be under the fostering care of the W. B. M. U., and under the direct supervision of the Young People's Leader of the W. B. M. U.

Bros. C. C. Davison, H. N. Massey and J. L. Claxton were asked to explain these plans more fully. The reason for these proposed plans is to avoid too many organizations in the churches. We haven't the leaders for these different organizations. The Union was asked to vote on these plans, as the other Unions had done or were doing so as to report at the State Meeting W. B. M. U. These plans were voted approved by the W. B. M. U. of Bethel Association.

George Baptist Hospital was brought to our minds so beautifully by Mrs. A. H. Johnson. Our Orphan's Home was discussed by Mrs. H. E. Hammock, who in a very clear, concise manner, talked on the subject of the home, telling us of the work and the needs.

Song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Prayer by Bro. Harrell.

Our four specials, Training School Enlargement, Amos Memorial Fund, Mary P. Willingham and Kumamoto School were brought to us in a very interesting and impressive way by Mrs. H. N. Massey.

On motion of Mrs. J. E. Paullin, it was ordered that we set aside \$18.00 for printing minutes.

Reports of committees read and adopted as follows:

Plan of Work—Mrs. H. N. Massey.

Obituaries—Mrs. J. C. McClelland.

Resolutions—Mrs B. L. Brown.

Enrollment Committee read by Mrs. Rowena Ward, showing present 91 delegates, 5 ministers, 41 home delegates—making a total of 132 enrolled.

Report of Nominating Committee read by Mrs. T. M. Thomas.

Song, "Blest be the tie that binds," and prayer of dismissal by Bro. W. D. Hammock, after which the session adjourned.

MRS. ARTHUR WHITE, Superintendent.

MRS. W. H. WELLS, Secretary.

Report of Nominating Committee.

We, the Committee on Nominations, suggest the following names of W. M. U. of Bethel Association for the year 1917-1918.

Superintendent—Mrs. H. N. Massey, Fort Gaines.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Wells, Shellman.

Treasurer—Mrs. Homer Hammock, Coleman.

First District Secretary—Mrs. Arthur White, Shellman.

Second District Secretary—Mrs. Homer Hammock, Edison.

Third District Secretary—Mrs. Rowena Ward, Arlington.

Fourth District Secretary—Mrs. Kalla Mae Baggs, Blakely.

Fifth District Secretary—Mrs. W. D. Hammock, Coleman.

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Seventh District Secretary—Mrs. J. L. Cumbie, Morris Station.

It is left with the Superintendent to select two members to complete the Executive Committee.

We accept the invitation of the Blakely church to meet with them on Tuesday and Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1918.

MRS. T. M. THOMAS, Chairman,
MRS. L. A. DUGGAN,
MRS. LOUIS E. GAY,
MRS. W. R. CURRY,
MRS. J. A. POINDEXTER,
MRS. W. F. DAVIS.
MRS. J. E. PAULLIN,
MRS. CARL RHODES.

Plan of Work for 1917-1918.

1. Watchword and Hymn. That we adopt as watchword, "That We Bear Much Fruit." That we adopt as our hymn, "The Consecration Hymn."

2. Bible Study. That we adopt the Bible Studies as given in the Messenger, also Beauchamp's Bible Outlines as a text-book.

3. Mission Study. That we adopt as our Mission Study, "Romance of Missions in Nigeria" for W. M. S.; for Young People, "The Moffats"; for Juniors, "Livingston, the Pathfinder"; for Sunbeams, "African Picture Stories."

4. Magazines. That we continue our magazine agent and that our women give her more loyal support.

5. That as proven, methods to greater efficiency and means to larger enlistments, the graded union and circle plan be the ideal in every society. That the Standard of Excellence and schedule of gifts be kept before each society as the goal to be attained.

6. That in stressing the schedule of gifts, the Union give first consideration to the seasons of prayer: In January for Foreign Missions, in March for Home Missions, in September or October for State Missions.

7. That the chairman of Personal Service be given help and equipment for perfecting the department.
8. That we faithfully and promptly fulfill our obligations to Kumamoto School, Amos Memorial Fund and Training School Enlargement.
9. That all societies, by apportionment, maintain an expense fund for benefit of associational officers.
10. That the Superintendent have the support of District Secretaries and an active Executive Committee; that a map of the Association indicating districts be secured.

MRS. H. N. MASSEY,
MRS. R. L. JENKINS,
MRS. A. F. WEATHERS.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following: During the last Associational year our Father, in His infinite goodness and mercy, has seen fit to take from our midst only four of our Union—Mrs. J. P. Wingate of Leary, Mrs. J. L. Saunders of Cuthbert, Mrs. R. H. Powell of Blakely, Mrs. M. H. Thigpen of Arlington. The going away of these from us leaves an empty space in the local Societies and in the Associational Union, but we look forward to a more perfect union in that day when the Saints of God shall be gathered together.

MRS. J. C. McCLELLAND, Chm.,
MRS. A. L. COBB,
MISS HELEN MELTON.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. That we feel thankful to our Father for His guidance and loving watchcare during the year.
2. That we thank the W. M. S. of the Baptist church and all the people of Arlington for their kind hospitality.
3. That we thank the pastors of Bethel Association for their hearty co-operation.
4. That we express our appreciation to our Superintendent and our Executive Committee for their faithful work.
5. We wish to thank each individual who has helped to render this splendid program today. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. L. BROWN,
MRS. H. C. BOWER,
MRS. J. L. SHEPARD.

Report of Treasurer, Bethel W. B. M. U.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Sept. 29. To check, Mrs. Hash, programs	\$ 2.00
Oct. 7. To check, F. T. Vincent, Blairsville school	2.00
Nov. 24. To check, W. W. Fleming, minutes	12.00
Feb. 14. To check, Mrs. White, part exp. 1st quarter..	7.77
Apr. 11. To check, Mrs. White, bal. exp. 1st quarter..	6.62
Aug. 20. To check, Mrs. White, exp. 2nd-3rd quarters	13.96
Oct. 22. To balance cash on hand	22.82

RECEIPTS:

Sept. 29. By balance cash	\$19.90
By check Blakely W. M. S.	5.00
By check Morris Station W. M. S.	4.00
By check Edison W. M. S.	1.00
By check Edison Y. W. A.	1.00
By check Cuthbert W. M. S.	8.00
By check Shellman W. M. S.	6.00
By check Fort Gaines W. M. S.	5.00
By check Bluffton W. M. S.	1.70
By check Enterprise W. M. S.	1.55
By check Springvale W. M. S.	1.00
By check Herod W. M. S.	2.00
By check Midway W. M. S.	1.00
By check Leary W. M. S.	1.00
By check Georgetown W. M. S.	1.00
By check Carnegie W. M. S.	1.00
By check Morgan W. M. S.	2.00
By cash Damascus W. M. S.	1.00
By cash Coleman W. M. S.	4.00

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Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. JOINER, Treasurer.

Vouchers attached.

Consolidated Report of Work Done by Superintendent and District Secretaries.

Letters and cards written, 483; executive meetings held, 4; churches visited in interest of the work, 32; talks made, 44; societies organized or re-organized, 8; rallies held, 4; apportionment cards sent out, 58; annual blanks distributed, 27; year books sent to leaders, 35.

Associational Statistics—Churches in association, 47; churches having organized work, 26; churches with two organizations, 14; churches with three organizations, 4; churches with four organizations, 1; societies attaining honor roll, 3; churches attaining Class A, 6; societies at-

taining Class B, 5; societies attaining Classes C and D, 12; mission study classes during year, 12; societies observing prayer for foreign missions, 24; societies observing prayer for home missions, 21; societies observing prayer for state missions, 20; societies using circle plan during year, 4; societies meeting apportionment, 31.

Amount given on apportionment\$1780.99

Gifts to other objects 1403.05

Grand total \$3184.04

MRS. J. ARTHUR WHITE, Supt.

Constitution and By-Laws of Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Baptist Association. Preamble.

We, the Women of the Churches connected with the Bethel Association, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among women and children of the churches, and wishing to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards and the W. M. U., organize and adopt the following Constitution:

Article I. Name.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bethel Baptist Association.

Article II. Object.

The two-fold object of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be: 1st. To distribute missionary information and stimulate effort throughout the whole Association. 2nd, To secure the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions.

Article III. Officers.

The officers shall be a President; two Vice Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

Article IV. Annual Meetings.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous Annual Meeting or by the Executive Committee.

Article V. Conduct of Meetings.

Every session of the W. M. U. shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. Superintendent—The Supt. shall preside at the Annual Meeting of the W. M. U. and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; and shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees. She may call special meetings of the Executive Committee when in her judgment needful, or at the request of three members of the Committee.

Art. 2. District Secretary—Dist. Secretaries shall seek to advance the interests of the Union in these communities, and preside at annual meetings in the absence of the Superintendent.

Art. 3. Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate records of the annual and special meetings of the Union; shall notify officers of their election and committees of their appointment and shall perform the other duties usual to her office.

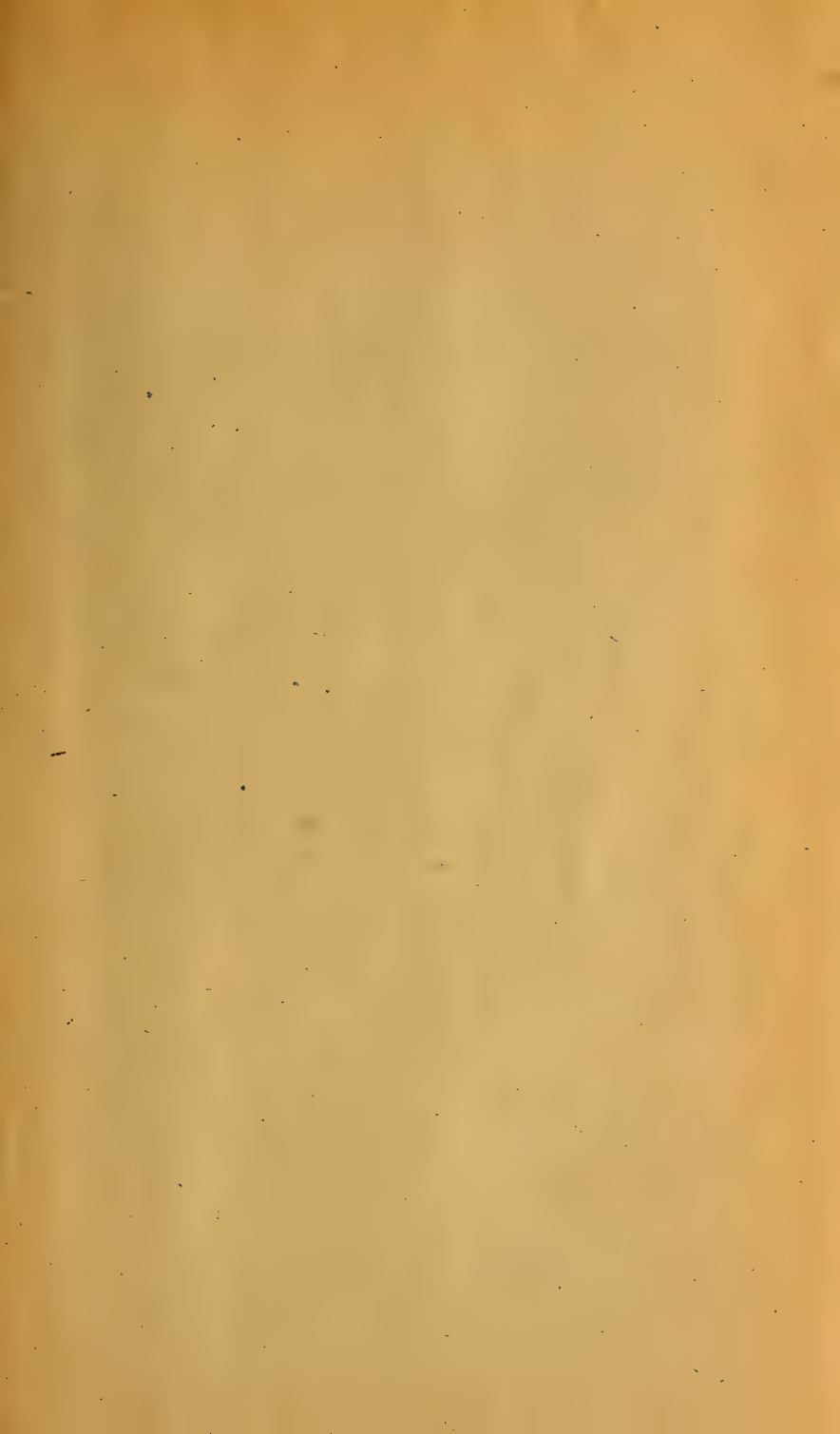
Art. 4. Treasurer—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, as reported to her from different churches or committees, and shall present a detailed report of all these accounts to each annual meeting. She shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to her office.

Art 5. Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by a nomination from the body of one representative from each district and two from the association at large.

Art. 6. Elections—The officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee on the afternoon of the last day of the meeting.

Art. 7.—The Executive Committee shall hold quarterly meetings for the transaction of business and shall report through its officers at each annual session of the Union.

Art. 8—The By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual meeting.





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